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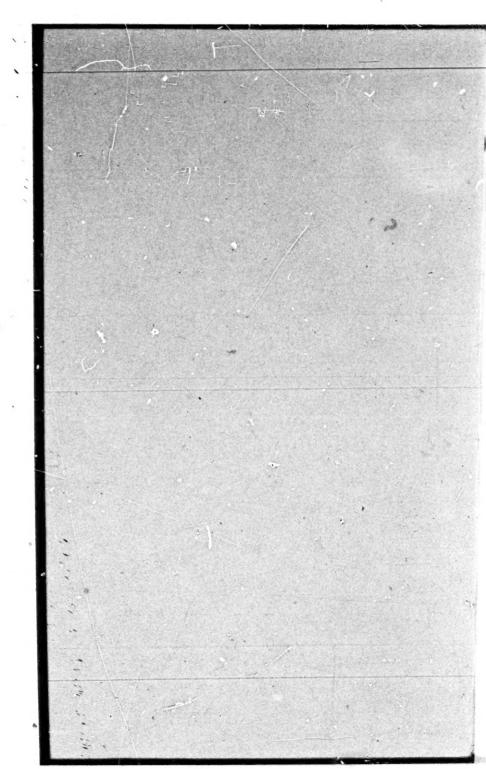
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# RELEVANT DOCKET ENTRIES

DATE		PROCEEDINGS
1971		
Aug.	20	Complaint filed
Aug.	23	Summons issued
Aug.	31	Summons returned served on deft. 8/15/71
Sept.	13	Stipulation for extension of time to answer and proposed order filed.
Sept.	20	Order entered extending time for deft. to answer or otherwise plead until 9-30-71. (Miller, J.)
Sept.	24	ANSWER filed by deft.
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Apr.	21	Interrogatories by plf with answers of deft Dravo Corp. thereon (1-18)
Apr.	28	Order entered transferring case to Wallace S. Gourley (Miller, J.)
May	4	Order entered Setting Procedure until disposition of Case. (Gourley, J.)
May	4	Order entered fixing non jury trial for 5-30-72 at 10 A.M.; counsel for plft. to file pretrial within 10 days of receipt of this order; counsel for deft. within 15 days and pretrial stip. within 20 days. (Gourley, J.)
May	18	Pltf's Pretrial Stmt filed.
May	19	Deft's Pretrial Stmt filed.
May	23	Order entered directing that the Non Jury Trial previously fixed for 5-30-72 at 10 am is continued until 5-31-72 at 10am. (Gourley, J.)
May	31	Non Jury Trial held before Gourley, J. & Concluded. (Order to be entered) (Ct Rep M. Brown) (Hearing Memo Filed.)

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May	31	Stipulation of Fact filed by counsel.
June	2	Deft's pretrial memorandum filed
June	2	Order ent directing briefs befiled. Counsel to submit to Court before 7/24 suggested findings of fact and conclusions of law. Reporter to transcribe non jury trial held 5/31 at joint expense of parties (Gourley, J.)
July	5	Transcript filed re Non Jury trial held 5-31-72 before Gourley, J. (Rep. M. Brown)
July	28	Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law filed by deft Dravo Corp.
Nov.	6	Opinion filed and Order entered 11-3-72 directing judgment is hereby entered in favor of the Deft. Dravo Corporation and against the Pltf. Earl R. Foster. (Gourley, J.)
Nov.	6	Pursuant to Opinion filed and Order entered on 11-3-72 Judgment is hereby entered as accord- ingly.  BERNARD SCHAFFLER, CLERK
Nov.	6	Notice Mailed.
Nov.	21	Notice of Appeal filed by pltf.
Nov.	21	Copy of Notice of Appeal mailed U. S. Court of Appeals; copy of Notice of Appeal mailed to counsel for deft.; letters to all counsel of Record and Judge Gourley.
Dec.	18	Original Record and Exhibits mailed U. S. Court of Appeals.

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

# Civil Action No. 71-781

EARL R. FOSTER, PLAINTIFF

v.

# DRAVO CORPORATION, DEFENDANT

#### COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Earl R. Foster, by Richard L. Thornburgh, United States Attorney for the Western District of

Pennsylvania for his cause of action alleges that

1) The jurisdiction of this court is based on the provisions of section 9(d) of the Universal Military Training Service Act, as amended (act of June 24, 1948, c. 625, section 9; 62 Stat. 614 as amended; 50 U.S.C., App. 459 et seq), hereinafter referred to as the Act.

2) Plaintiff brings this action to require defendant to accord him vacation entitlement rights which he has earned and for damages suffered in loss of pay and other benefits by reasons of defendant's failure and refusal to

accord said rights.

3) The plaintiff is an individual residing at 111 Ram-

sey Avenue, Corapolis, Pennsylvania.

4) Defendant is a corporation doing business and maintaining offices within the jurisdiction of this Court, specifically in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

5) The plaintiff was first employed by defendant on

or about August 5, 1965.

6) Plaintiff left his employment with the defendant for the purpose of induction into the Armed Forces of the United States and entered into the Armed Forces of the United States on or about March 6, 1967.

7) Plaintiff's position and employment with the defendant at the time he entered military service was one

other than a temporary position.

8) Plaintiff served in said Armed Forces until on or about October 1, 1968, at which time he was honorably released therefrom and received a certificate evidencing satisfactory completion of his military training and service.

9) Plaintiff complied with all statutory requirements and conditions for restoration to employment by defendant, including timely application therefor, and was restored to his pre-service position by the defendant on or

about October 7, 1968.

10) Upon his return from military service and his restoration to his pre-service position, defendant penalized plaintiff for his military absence by refusing to recognize and grant his vacation benefits commensurate with his length of service in defendant's employ.

11) Defendant has continuously refused and now refuses to comply with plaintiff's demand for proper credit for vacation benefit, in violation of the provisions of the

Act.

12) As a result of defendant's refusal to grant plaintiff his proper vacation credit and compensation based thereon, plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer substantial loss of pay which damage he would not have suffered if he had been properly and promptly granted the vacation credits to which he was entitled.

# WHEREFORE plaintiff respectfully prays:

a) that this Honorable Court adjudge and decree that plaintiff is entitled to vacation credits and benefits

commensurate with his seniority.

b) that defendant be ordered to compensate plaintiff for damages suffered by reason of the loss of pay and other benefits which would have accrued had he been granted proper vacation credit promptly. c) that plaintiff have such other and further relief that this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

### Civil Action No. 71-781

[Received Sep. 27, 1971, 10:15 AM, J. S. Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, Pa.]

EARL R FOSTER, PLAINTIFF

vs.

# DRAVO CORPORATION, DEFENDANT

#### ANSWER

AND NOW comes the defendant DRAVO CORPORATION by its counsel, Charles R. Volk and Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, and answers each paragraph of the Complaint in the above captioned matter as follows:

- The averments of paragraph 1 are admitted.
- 2. This paragraph contains the motivations of the plaintiff which is within his exclusive knowledge. However, the defendant denies all implications that it has failed to accord the plaintiff any rights due him.
  - 3. The averments of paragraph 3 are admitted.
  - 4. The averments of paragraph 4 are admitted.
  - 5. The averment of paragraph 5 is admitted.
  - 6. The averments of paragraph 6 are admitted.
  - 7. The averment of paragraph 7 is admitted.
  - 8. The averments of paragraph 8 are admitted.
  - 9. The averments of paragraph 9 are admitted.
  - 10. The averments of paragraph 10 are denied.
  - 11. The averments of paragraph 11 are denied.
  - 12. The averments of paragraph 12 are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant respectfully prays that this Honorable Court dismiss the Complaint and enter judgment for the defendant.

THORP, REED & ARMSTRONG

/s/ Charles R. Volk Charles R. Volk Attorneys for defendant Dravo Corporation

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Civil Action No. 71-781

### EARL R. FOSTER, PLAINTIFF

v.

### Dravo Corporation, defendant

#### STIPULATION OF FACT

1. Plaintiff was initially employed by the defendant on or about August 5, 1965, and he remained continuously employed until he was granted a military leave of absence by defendant and left his employment on or about March 6, 1967, for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. At the time plaintiff left his employment as aforesaid, he was employed as a scaler (hand brush) at an hourly rate of \$2.62.

3. The aforementioned employment was in an other

than temporary position.

4. Plaintiff served in the Armed Forces until October 1, 1968, and thereafter made timely application to defendant for reinstatement in his employment, and was restored in his pre-service position by defendant on or about October 7, 1968, at an hourly rate of \$2.92.

5. At all times material hereto, plaintiff's plant sen-

iority was and is August 5, 1965.

6. By the terms of a collective bargaining agreement then in force between plaintiff's collective bargaining representative, Industrial Union of Marine and Ship Building Workers of America, Local Union No. 61, AFL-CIO, and defendant, vacation benefits and eligibility therefor are provided in Article XIV, Sections 1 and 2. A copy of said provisions of the said collective bargaining agreement are attached hereto and marked Exhibit

1. Said collective bargaining agreement and the aforementioned provisions thereof were in effect according to their respective terms at all times relevant to the present case.

7. In addition Article X, Section 8 of the aforesaid agreement provides that "an employee who is granted a leave of absence shall retain and accumulate seniority

for the period of the leave of absence".

8. Article XIV defines "Seniority" as "the right of preference in layoffs or rehiring, measured by length of service in a job classification at the Heavy Metals Plar" and Section 2, lines 5-8 of said agreement provides: "co.,tinuous employment as used in this Article means continuous seniority since any break in such seniority caused by any of the reasons enumerated in Section 7 of Article

X of the agreement."

Article XIV, Section 1 of the agreement provides that on the first December 31 of his employment, an employee receives four hours paid vacation for each month in which he worked ten days or more; the second December 31 of continuous employment he received one (1) week and two (2) days of paid vacation. Progressively longer paid vacations are awarded up to the 30th year, always based on years of continuous employment as of December 31. Article XIV, Section 2 provides that beginning with the second December 31 of employment and thereafter, in order to qualify for vacations, an employee must have "received earnings" in 25 workweeks in the 12 months immediately preceding the current December 31. Article XIV, Section 2 (lines 23 through 29), further provides: ". . . employees who are laid off during the year immediately preceding December 31, and because of such layoff, do not qualify for a vacation under this section will be given a prorata vacation to which they might otherwise be entitled on the relationship of the weeks they did work to 25 weeks ... .".

9. Plaintiff received all vacation benefits due him for the year 1966 before entering military service on or about March 6, 1967. In the period from on or about March 3, 1967, to on or about October, 1968, the plain-

tiff would not have been laid off.

10. During the period between on or about March 6, 1967, and October 7, 1968, while the plaintiff was absent in the military service, approximately 12 employees who were junior to the plaintiff in terms of plant seniority date and who were not called for induction into the military service, received earnings in at least 25 workweeks in each of the calendar years 1967 and 1968, and were thereby eligible for vacation benefits. Said junior employees, the number of workweeks worked, and the vacation credits received are hereto attached as stipulation Exhibit 2.

11. Plaintiff's vacation benefits would have amounted to 64 hours for the calendar year 1967 and 72 hours for the calendar year 1968, based on his seniority and length

of continuous service with the defendant.

12. Article V of the aforesaid Agreement recognizes the Company's right to discharge or discipline employees

for "proper cause".

In the event the Court finds for the plaintiff in this case it is stipulated and agreed that the damages incurred and payable to plaintiff by defendant by virtue of defendant's denial of plaintiff's vacation pay and other benefits shall be 377.2.

Richard L. Thornburgh United States Attorney

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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EARL R. FOSTER, PLAINTIFF

v.

### DRAVO CORPORATION, DEFENDANT

INTERROGATORIES PROPOUNDED BY PLAINTIFF TO BE ANSWERED BY A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OF DRAVO CORPORATION. ENGINEERING WORKS DIVISION

Now comes Earl R. Foster, plaintiff in the above styled action by his counsel Richard L. Thornburgh, United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania and requests that defendant corporation, Dravo Corporation, Engineering Works Division, by an officer competent to answer on its behalf, answer under oath in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the following interrogatories:

1) State the complete title of plant, unit, and/or division of Dravo Corporation wherein the plaintiff herein. Earl R. Foster, was and is employed.

Engineering Works Division, Paint Department

2) State the name, official title, any job or sub-classification thereof, salary, grade, and hourly rate paid of the position held by the plaintiff, as of August 5, 1965.

Scaler (Hand Brush)

\$2.47 per hour

3) State the plaintiff's company, plant, and unit/division seniority dates as of March 3, 1967.

August 5, 1965

4) State plaintiff's job seniority date, official title, and job or sub-classification thereof, salary, grade, and hourly rate paid of the position held by the plaintiff as of March 3, 1967.

August 5, 1965

Scaler (Hand Brush)

- \$2.62 per hour as of October 1, 1966-Rate change due to contractual adjustment.
- 5) State plaintiff's company, plant, and unit/division seniority date as of October 7, 1968.

August 5, 1965

6 State the name, official title, and job or sub-classification thereof, salary, grade, and hourly rate paid of the position held by the plaintiff as of October 7, 1968.

Scaler (Hand Brush)

\$2.92 per hour as of October 7, 1968

7) State the job seniority date of the plaintiff as of October 7, 1968.

August 5, 1965

8) Who was the plaintiff's collective bargaining representative during the period from March 3, 1967, to present?

Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Work-

ers of America, Local No. 61, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

9) List the complete history of the plaintiff's employment by the Dravo Corporation between August 5, 1965, to present, indicating all positions held (and sub-classification within any position), the dates attained, the job classification number, pay grade, and hourly rate attached to the said positions, dates of layoffs and recall, if any.

Hired August 5, 1965, as Scaler (Hand Brush) at a rate of \$2.47 per hour.

October 1, 1965, Mr. Foster's hourly rate was advanced to \$2.51 per hour as the result of a contractual adjustment.

Mr. Foster requested and was granted a Military Leave of Absence for the period April 3 to April 30, 1966.

May 4, 1966, Mr. Foster returned to active employment at the same rate of pay and classification as when he left on the Military Leave of Absence.

October 1, 1966, Mr. Foster's pay rate advanced to \$2.62 per hour as the result of a contractual wage adjustment.

March 6, 1967, Mr. Foster requested and was granted a Military Leave of Absence to commence March 7, 1967.

Mr. Foster returned to active employment on October 7, 1968, as a Scaler (Hand Brush) at a rate of \$2.92 per hour.

September 1, 1969, Mr. Foster's pay rate advanced to \$3.09 per hour as the result of a contractual wage adjustment.

July 20, 1970, Mr. Foster entered the classification of 2nd class Handyman-Paint at the rate of \$3.24 per hour.

September 1, 1970, Mr. Foster's pay rate advanced to \$3.40 per hour as the result of a contractual wage adjustment.

November 23, 1970, Mr. Foster advanced to 1st class Handyman-Paint at a rate of \$3.47 per hour.

June 9, 1971, Mr. Foster was laid off in his Handyman classification and bumped back to his Scaler classification at the rate of \$3.24 per hour.

July 9, 1971, Mr. Foster entered the classification of Rigger, 3rd class, at the rate of \$3.63 per hour.

September 1 until October 21, 1971, Mr. Foster was on strike due to the expiration of the labor agreement with Local 61.

November 15, 1971, Mr. Foster's pay rate advanced to \$4.03 per hour as the result of a contractual wage adjustment.

November 22, 1971, Mr. Foster was advanced to 2nd class Rigger at a rate of \$4.22 per hour.

March 27, 1972, Mr. Foster was advanced to 1st class Rigger at a rate of \$4.47 per hour. This remains his status at this time.

10) State the number of workweeks worked by the plaintiff and for which he received earnings from the defendant in the course of his employment by the defendant, for each calendar year from the period August 5, 1965, through December 31, 1968.

1965-22 weeks

1966-47 weeks

1967- 9 weeks

1968-13 weeks

11) Was a seniority roster maintained by the defendant of the unit and/or division of the Dravo Corporation wherein the plaintiff, Earl R. Foster, was and is employed covering the period from on or about August 5, 1965, to December 31, 1968? If so kindly attach a copy of same.

Yes-Attached

12) During the period from on or about March 3, 1967, to on or about October 7, 1968, list the names and addresses of all employees of the defendant employed in the same plant, unit/division, as the plaintiff had been on March 3, 1967, who were junior in seniority to the plaintiff.

Attached

13) As to each of the employees named in the answer to the preceding interrogatory state:

a) their seniority dates

b) the number of workweeks worked in which they received earnings in their employment by defendant in each of calendar years 1967 and 1968

c) the number of vacation credits or benefits with pay they received in each of the calendar years 1967 and 1968 d) state the dates of layoffs and recall, if any, of these employees for each of the calendar years 1967 1968

#### Attached

14) In the period from on or about March 3, 1967, to on or about October 7, 1968, had the plaintiff not been absent in the military service, would he have worked and received earnings therefor in the employment of the defendant for at least 25 weeks in each of the calendar years 1967 and 1968.

Yes

15) If your answer to the preceding interrogatory is in the affirmative, would the plaintiff have accrued vacation benefits for each of the calendars 1967 and 1968? If so, compute the specific amount of vacation benefits and the nature thereof for each of the calendar years 1967 and 1968.

1967—64 hours 1968—72 hours

16) Was there a collective bargaining agreement in force between plaintiff's union and the defendant covering the period March 3, 1967, to October 7, 1968? If so kindly attach a copy to your answer hereto.

Yes-Attachment (1966-1968 Agreement)

17) In defendant's answer to plaintiff's complaint what are the facts upon which defendant bases its denial of the avernments of paragraph X of the plaintiff's com-

plaint?

Plaintiff worked from January 1, 1967 until March 3, 1967 or a total of nine (9) work weeks in 1967. Plaintiff then entered military service, returning to defendant's employ on October 7, 1968 and continued in such employ through the end of the vacation eligibility period of December 31, 1968, or a total of thirteen (13) work weeks in 1968.

Under Article XIV, Section 2, paragraph one (1) of the collective bargaining agreement then in effect between plaintiff's authorized bargaining representative and defendant (which agreement is attached hereto in answer to Interrogatory sixteen (16), any vacation benefits forthcoming to plaintiff for the year 1969 were contingent upon plaintiff having met three criteria:

 plaintiff must have been continuously employed for two (2) or more December 31st;

2. he must have had seniority on December 31st of

1969: and

3. he must have received earnings in at least twenty-five (25) work weeks in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding December 31st of 1969.

Thus, plaintiff failed to meet the twenty-five (25) week earnings requirement of the third contingency noted above and was denied vacation benefits for 1969 for this reason. Contrary to the allegation of paragraph ten (10) of plaintiff's complaint; plaintiff's military service was recognized as affording compliance with contingencies one (1) and two (2) set forth above. Had these two criteria, based on length of service, been the only criteria necessary to receive vacation benefits, plaintiff would have qualified. However, plaintiff failed to qualify for vacation benefits for he did not satisfy the criteria of cortingency three (3) set forth above. Inasmuch as the earnings requirement of contingency three (3) is not an attribute or prerequisite of seniority or length of service, but rather a qualification based upon time worked and thus earned toward vacation benefits, defendant was not obligated to award plaintiff vacation benefits for the year 1969.

18) In defendant's answer to plaintiff's complaint what are the facts upon which defendant bases its denial of the averments of paragraph XII of the plaintiff's complaint?

Please refer to the answer provided for Interrogatory

number seventeen (17).

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QUESTION #12 - USE 1st 2 COLUMNS

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NAME	ADDRESS	SENIORITY	HOLITER		VACATION CREDITS		LO - LAYOFF D-DIS RH - REHIRE
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Wells, Haywood *	1517 N. Homewood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15208	9-15-65	50		64		Q - 8-9-68
Stribling, Ralph Jr	828 Whiteside Rd. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219	10-18-65	51	49	64	76	
Emeloff, Ronald J.	2010 Forbes Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219	10-26-65	. 46	49	64	12	
Wilczak, Stephen J.	1887 Cakbine Ave. Coraopolis, Pa. 15108	11-15-65	51	48	64	72	
Lynch, Robert G.	1134 Wayne Ave. McKees Rocks, Pa. 15136	12-13-65	46	48	64	72	
McCullough, Howard	8. 800 Dowell Ave. Monaca, Pa.	4-28-66	51	49	56	64 ,	
Robinson, Sherwood	1046 Broadview Dr. Fittsburgh, Pa. 15207	9-12-66	41	.,	56		D - 2-21-68
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Pander, Gerald J.	3429 California Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212	9-19-66	52		56	,	q - 1-26-68
Maraccini, Ronald F	124 Sebring Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216	11-09-66	52	40	56	64	10 12-5-67, RH 2-5-68, 10 4-5 RH 5-13-68
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ANSWER TO INTERROGATORIES SIXTEEN (16)
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# AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

# DRAVO CORPORATION

Engineering Works Division Neville Island Heavy Metals Plant Pittsburgh, Pa. 15225

AND

# INDUSTRIAL UNION OF MARINE AND SHIPBUILDING WORKERS OF AMERICA

Local Union No. 61, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

(Union Label)

1966-1968

# AGREEMENT

This Agreement, executed this 7th day of October, 1966, is entered into by and among Engineering Works Division of Dravo Corporation at its Neville Island Heavy Metals Plant, its successors or assigns, hereinafter referred to as the "Company", party of the first part, and the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, A.F.L.-C.I.O., and the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Local No. 61, both acting for and on behalf of themselves and Local 61 members, present and future, in the employ of the company, hereinafter referred to as the "Union," party of the second part.

#### ARTICLE I

#### INTENT

It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto that this Agreement will promote and improve industrial and economic relationships between the employees and the Company, and will set forth herein the basic agreement covering rates of pay, hours of work, and conditions of employment to be observed between the parties hereto.

#### ARTICLE V

#### DISCHARGE OF EMPLOYEES

#### Section 1

The right to discharge or discipline employees shall be the prerogative of the Company, except that no discharge or disciplinary action shall be made without proper cause.

# Section 2

Violations of the Plant Regulations, as written by the Company, is considered by the Company to be within the meaning of "proper cause." The Union does not participate in making these rules, therefore, it reserves the right to contest discharge cases arising out of the application of the rules and whether action taken under said rules constitutes proper cause.

All discharges or disciplinary actions arising under the terms of this Agreement are subject to the grievance procedure, including arbitration.

#### Section 3

Whenever an employee is suspended or discharged, the Industrial Relations Department shall so notify the employee's Union representative before the employee actually leaves the plant.

#### ARTICLE VII

# WAGES, WORKWEEK AND OVERTIME

#### Section 1

Basic hourly wage rates for those employees of the Company represented by the Union shall be as specified in Appendix "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, and shall continue as such until the expiration of this Agreement.

If the August, 1967 United States Department of Labor Cost of Living Index is one point or more above the August, 1966 Index, the Company will grant the employees a wage increase of two (2) cents an hour effective October 1, 1967.

The rates of pay apply to both male and female employees.

#### Section 2

It is hereby agreed that work in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week shall be compensated by payment of overtime premiums as hereinafter set forth. Whenever they are working a forty (40) hour week, the workweek for employees other than boiler firemen shall consist of five (5) eight (8) hour shifts, from Monday to Friday, inclusive.

# Section 3

The following overtime provisions shall apply to employees other than boiler firemen:

For all work in excess of eight (8) hours per day and for all work between the hours of 12:24 a.m. Saturday and 12:24 a.m. Sunday, an employee shall be paid one and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  times the established hourly rate.

Double the established hourly rate shall be paid for hours worked between the hours of 12:24 a.m. Sunday and 12:24 a.m. Monday.

#### Section 4

The following overtime provisions shall apply to boiler firemen:

All work performed in excess of eight (8) hours per day shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  times the established hourly rate.

One and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  times the established hourly rate shall be paid for hours worked on the sixth (6th)

shift in any regularly established workweek.

Double the established hourly rate shall be paid for hours worked beyond 12:24 A.M. of the day following the start of the sixth (6th) shift and for hours worked in the seventh (7th) shift in any regularly established workweek.

#### Section 5

In computing the number of hours or shifts worked by an employee for purposes of determining overtime pay, holiday pay and vacation pay, the following shall be considered hours or shifts worked:

- a. Shifts or parts of shifts lost by employees when unable to work on account of injuries sustained by accident arising out of and in the course of their employment, provided that prompt reports of such injuries are made to the Company or its agents. The decision of the doctor shall be final in deciding when a man is unable to work.
- b. Shifts or parts of shifts lost by employees on days when they report to work as required, but are not put to work or are sent home before the end of the shift for any reason beyond the employee's control.
- c. Shifts lost because of holiday shutdowns.
- d. Shifts lost because of absence on jury duty for which the employee is paid under Section 10 of this Article.
- e. Shifts lost because of absence on union business paid for by the Union in connection with contracts

with Dravo Corporation or its Subsidiaries provided the Union furnishes the Industrial Relations Manager in advance of such absence with a letter listing those who are going to be absent.

- f. Hours lost by Officers of the Union and the members of the Negotiating, Grievance and Pension Committees while out of the Plant on Union business connected with Dravo Corporation or its Subsidiaries provided the Union furnishes the Industrial Relations Manager in advance of such absences a letter listing those who are going to be absent or such absence is in accordance with a specific provision of this Agreement.
- g. Shifts lost because of absence on military reserve duty for periods of up to and including two (2) weeks.

#### Section 6

Whenever an employee is required to work more than eight (8) hours in any day the employee shall continue to be paid at the rate of time and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) until he is given a rest period of at least one (1) full plant shift subsequent to his ceasing work.

# Section 7

# a. Holidays Not Worked

Eligible employees, including boiler firemen, shall be allowed eight (8) hours' pay at their regular straight time base hourly rate for each of the following holidays not worked regardless of the day on which they fall:

New Year's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day

Labor Day
General Election Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

December 24 (Except when Christmas falls on Thursday when it will be December 26)

Holidays occurring on Sunday will be celebrated on Monday except December 24 and as noted in Paragraph C.

If the holiday occurs within the time that the eligible employee is absent on his regular scheduled vacation, he will be paid eight (8) hours pay at his regular straight time base hourly rate for such holiday in addition to his vacation allowance.

Holidays occurring on Saturday will be paid to employees who are absent because of jury duty or millitary reserve duty where the Company is making up the difference between his regular base pay of 40 hours and compensation received for such service. There will be no compensation for holidays occurring or celebrated Monday through Friday.

To be eligible for holiday pay each employee shall work the regularly plant scheduled day before and the regularly plant scheduled day after the holiday or day celebrated as such. In addition to working the full shift, only under the following conditions will the employee be considered as having worked if he (1) has reported for work on the scheduled work day and is sent home because no work is available and has been granted reporting pay, or (2) leaves work early with approval of his supervisor, or (3) is absent up to twelve (12) months immediately following date of accident because of an injury received in the plant, or (4) is late for work, or (5) is off on vacation, or (6) is absent due to illness duly certified by the attending physician; provided, however, that such absence may occur, for the purpose of this immediate paragraph, only once during the period of the illness; said period of illness shall be deemed to have ended upon the employee's return to work.

# b. Holidays Worked

Three (3) times the established base hourly rate shall be paid for all hours actually worked from 12:24 a.m. to 12:24 a.m. on the above holidays. Should the employee work less than eight (8) hours on the holiday

and would have been otherwise eligible for holiday pay as provided above, he will receive, in addition to three (3) times his established base hourly rate for hours actually worked, pay at his regular straight time base hourly rate for eight (8) hours minus the number of hours he did work on such holiday.

#### c. Boiler Firemen

Boiler Firemen, who work on a shift basis, shall be paid for a "holiday worked" when the holiday occurs on Sunday and he is scheduled to work that day but not on Monday. If he is scheduled to work both days, he will be paid as a "holiday worked" for one day only—Monday.

#### Section 8

When more than one (1) type of premium compensation is applicable to the same hours of work under Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and/or 11 of this Article, only one (1)—the highest—premium shall be paid.

#### Section 9

A premium allowance of seven percent (7%), but in no case more than twenty cents (20c) per hour, shall be paid to employees on the second and third shifts. This premium is applied to the employee's total earnings, including overtime, allowance and incentive earnings in the departments where such incentive plans are in effect. This also applies to first shift men transferred to the second or third shift and to second or third shift men temporarily transferred to the first shift for not more than one (1) week,

#### Section 10

An employee who presents notice of call for jury service will be excused from work on the days he serves and

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for each day he serves on the jury on which he otherwise would have worked he shall receive the difference between eight (8) times his straight time base hourly rate and the payment he receives for such jury service. The employee shall present proof of service and of the amount of pay received therefor in order to receive above allowance.

#### Section 11

When it is necessary to call a man out on his normal shift on a premium day (Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday) he shall be compensated as follows: if he works less than four (4) hours on his normal shift and is required to work all or the major portion (four (4) hours or more) of the next subsequent shift or shifts he will receive credit for a change in shift, which would result in his being paid at the premium day rate plus one-half  $(\frac{1}{2})$  his base hourly rate for all hours worked; if he works four (4) hours or more on his normal shift and is required to work part or all of the next subsequent shift or shifts, credit for change of shift shall not apply and he will receive only the premium pay for that day.

#### Section 12

Nothing in this Article is to be construed as a guarantee of minimum hours per day, per week or per month.

#### Section 13

When an employee is off work due to a death in his immediate family and actually attends the funeral, the Company will pay the employee at his base hourly rate eight hours per day for up to a total of three consecutive days, however, if the death occurs on Thursday and the funeral is on Monday the employee will be paid for Friday and Monday, beginning with the day after death

to and including the day of the funeral with no payment to be made for any of the three days which is a Saturday, Sunday, Paid Holiday, part of his vacation, or occurs while he is not working. For purposes of this Section "immediate family" is spouse, children, parent, sister, brother or parent-in-law.

## ARTICLE X

#### SENIORITY

Section 1

"Seniority" is the right of preference in layoffs or rehiring, measured by length of service in a job classification at the Heavy Metals Plant, as hereinafter more particularly described.

A reduction of the working force for a period of less than one calendar week or for reasons beyond the control of the Company shall not be considered a lay-off. Such reductions of the working force shall be governed as nearly as practical by the application of seniority to the department and/or shift that is being reduced. These same principles of reduction shall apply to a gang except that such reduction shall not be for a period of more than one (1) calendar day. Efforts will be made to maintain maximum operations and to utilize those having greatest seniority during such period. The Company shall give preference to employees who have given long and faithful service in the employ of the Company for the work they are able to do.

A rehiring is the re-employment of persons who have been previously laid off.

Section 2

For purposes of this Article, the job classification shall be the payroll classification of the Company as set forth in Appendix "A", attached to and made a part of this Agreement. Where there are two (2) or more rates of pay for a payroll classification, the total of said ratings shall comprise one (1) job classification.

Example: Laborer shall be one job classification.

Handyman (in each particular craft), 1st. class, 2nd. class, shall be one job classification.

Painter, 1st. class, 2nd. class, 3rd. class, shall be one job classification.

In the interpretation and application of this Article the parties will be governed by the Award and Opinion of Lawrence R. Guild, Impartial Arbitrator, dated December 4, 1944.

First class rates will be the determining factor in comparison of jobs for determination of higher or lower job classifications for purposes of this Article.

## Section 3

A new employee shall not have or accumulate seniority until he has worked each of thirty (30) accumulated days, which, however, must be accumulated within four (4) months of date of hire, in the job classification in which he was hired and during this thirty (30) working day period the Company shall have the right to terminate his employment for any reason whatever. The seniority of employees retained at the end of said probationary period shall date from the beginning of the probationary period.

If an employee is transferred to or promoted to an equal or higher job classification prior to obtaining seniority in his hiring classification, the working days accumulated toward seniority in the new classification shall also be counted toward seniority in the classification in which he was hired.

An employee transferred or promoted to a new job classification shall not have or accumulate seniority in the new job classification until he has worked each of thirty (30) accumulated days at the end of which he shall have and accumulate seniority from the beginning of the thirty (30) accumulated day period. The thirty (30) day probationary period shall not apply to reclassifications resulting from the grievance procedure or arbitration awards.

Three of more consecutive days of work (four (4) hours or more will constitute a day of work for the purpose of this Section only) in a particular job classification shall count toward the thirty (30) accumulated days; provided, however, such thirty (30) days must be accumulated during the period of July 1 to June 30. When eniployees are transferred or promoted for three or more consecutive days (four (4) hours or more will constitute a day of work for purposes of this Section only) to fill a vacancy caused by absence of the regular employee on account of vacation or sickness and the promoted or transferred employees do not have seniority in the classification, such time shall count as part of the accumulated thirty (30) days; however, when the replaced employee returns to work the temporary employees shall be returned to their former jobs in accordance with their seniority in those jobs without liability on the part of the Company under Article VI of this Agreement.

When a layoff occurs in the promoted or transferred employee's most recent former classification during his probationary period in another classification, he shall be laid off in accordance with his seniority in his most recent former classification despite the fact he is a probationary employee in another classification and is so rated on the payroll. If a layoff occurs in the probationary classification during his probationary period, he shall be the first laid off in that classification but shall have the right to return to his most recent former classification in accordance with his seniority in that classifi-

cation.

Employees shall be retained to the extent possible in their current departments and work assignments in conformity with the provisions of this Article.

Employees shall be retained, hired or rehired in accordance with the seniority of employees in their respective job classifications at the Heavy Metals Plant.

subject to the limitations set forth in this Article. Where two (2) or more employees in the same job classification entered that classification on the same date, their relative seniority shall be determined by their total length of service at the Heavy Metals Plant. If their total length of service at the Heavy Metals Plant is the same, then relative seniority shall be determined alphabetically with "A" having the greatest seniority; then "B"; etc.

In order to better stabilize employment at the Heavy Metals Plant, every effort will be made to provide full employment for regular employees rather than make frequent layoffs and rehires. Whenever work occurs that might be done by employees who are laid off being called back to work for a week or less, but the work can be performed by employees in other classifications currently working in the Heavy Metals Plant, the work may be performed by the employees already working in the department who have seniority in the classification in which the work is to be performed; however, if none having such seniority are currently working in the department any other employee may be assigned to the work rather than by calling back additional employees. It is understood temporary assignments for less than a day shall not be restricted. However, no employee shall be kept out of the Heavy Metals Plant under this paragraph for more than five (5) work days at any one time, nor shall this clause be used to keep employees out of the Heavy Metals Plant indefinitely.

## Section 4

It is the intent of the Company to "promote from within" wherever possible. To this end, the following procedure is established to provide opportunity for advance-

ment of employees:

Each employee will be given the opportunity to submit a questionnaire provided by the Company, or other written form, in which he will set forth the higher skilled or graded job classification to which he desires to be promoted and the skills he possesses. Such questionnaire shall be replaced at least annually by the employee to reflect current desires and abilities. The Company and the Union shall each appoint three (3) persons to a Committee who will meet periodically, but no less than three times a year to evaluate the questionnaires and endeavor to determine relative order in which applicants will be given the opportunity to be promoted to higher skilled or graded classifications. Should the Committe be unable to agree with respect to a given employee's qualification or position on the list of applicants the Company shall make the decision.

Employees on the Committee shall be paid for the time spent attending evaluation meetings scheduled by the Manager of Industrial Relations but in no case more than sixteen (16) hours to any individual or a total payment of forty-eight hours to the Union Committee at any one evaluation meeting which may or may not extend over two days. Employees attending meetings other than evaluation meetings will be governed by Article XI, Section 5.

When no eligible employee is available to fill an existing vacancy, the Company shall secure qualified personnel

from any other source.

All disputes arising under the terms of this Section are subject to the grievance procedure, including arbitration. However, no liability shall exist on the part of the Company for action taken under this Section except from no more than forty-five (45) days prior to final decision of any grievance filed with respect to such action which reverses the action taken by the Company.

## Section 5

An employee who has been transferred or promoted from one job to another in the Heavy Metals Plant within the bargaining unit shall retain and accumulate seniority in his previous job classifications. An employee who has been transferred or promoted to a job in the Engineering Works Division outside the bargaining unit or an employee permanently transferred to locations other than Neville Island shall retain and accumulate seniority in his previous job classifications for a maximum of five (5) years from date of transfer and thereafter shall retain accumulated seniority only. Effective Octo-

ber 1, 1966, those currently working outside the bargaining unit who were transferred five or more years prior to October 1, 1966 shall retain their accumulated seniority to October 1, 1966 only and those transferred within five years prior to October 1, 1966 shall continue to accumulate seniority for a maximum of five years from date of transfer and then shall retain.

Seniority in any new job classification to which an employee is permanently transferred or promoted shall date only from the date of his entry into the new classi-

fication.

Example: An employee was hired on January 1, 1938 in the Labor Department as a Laborer.

On January 1, 1939, he was transferred to the Sheet Metal Shop as a Laborer.

On July 1, 1939, he was transferred to the Pipe Shop as a Laborer.

On January 1, 1940, he was promoted to the new job classification of Drill Press Operator (Machine Shop).

On January 1, 1942, he was transferred to the new job classification of Machine Operator (Machine Shop).

On January 1, 1943 he was transferred to the new job classification of Machine Opperator (Structural Shop).

On January 1, 1944, he was promoted to the new job classification of Inside Machinist (Machine Shop).

On January 1, 1945, he was transferred to the new job classification of Inside Machinist (Repair Shop) where he remained until January 1, 1947.

As of January 1, 1947, his total seniority in each job classification was as follows:

Job Classification	As of January 1, 1947 Total Seniority in Each Job Classification
Laborer	9 years from 1/1/38
Drill Press Operator Machine Shop)	7 years from 1/1/40
Machine Operator (Machine Shop)	5 years from 1/1/42
Machine Operator (Structural Shop)	4 years from 1/1/43
Inside Machinist (Machine Shop)	3 years from 1/1/44
Inside Machinist (Repair Shop)	2 years from 1/1/45
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Those employees having seniority in the Heavy Metals Plant, Engineering Works Division on the effective date of this agreement and working in the Light Metals Plant, Fabricated Products Division, shall continue to retain and accumulate seniority in the Heavy Metals Plant, Engin-

eering Works Division.

It is mutually agreed that any employee of the Engineering Works Division, Heavy Metals Plant, who refuses a recall or transfer or assignment to a higher job classification in which he has seniority rights and chooses to remain in a lower job classification shall sign a seniority waiver thereby waiving his immediate bumping rights into such higher job classification and relieving the Company of any liability for the difference in rates of pay for the period he does not work at the higher job classification as a result of the waiver and his seniority in the waived classification shall be retained but not accumulated until such time as he actually returns to work in the waived classification after filing revocation of the waiver as provided in the next paragraph. However, where the rate of pay received by an employee in a higher job classification is less than the rate of pay received by the employee in a lower job classification, the employee will not be required to sign a waiver in the higher job classification if he chooses to remain in the lower job classification. When an employee is currently working in the

Heavy Metals Plant and chooses to invoke his seniority in a lower job classification because he is unable to perform his duties in higher job classification, he may sign a waiver providing he is not displacing another employee currently working in the lower classification. Employees temporarily assigned to other classifications shall not be required to sign a waiver covering such temporary assignment. Employees who have rescinded their waivers prior to August 1, 1954 but have not been placed at work in one of their higher waived job classification as of August 1, 1954 will have their accumulated seniority in the higher waived job classifications retained but not accumulated from August 1, 1954 until they do return to work in the waived classifications.

It is further agreed that the employee shall forfeit all bumping rights in the waived classification until he has notified both the Company and the Union in writing of his desire to invoke his rights in the waived classification and he must wait until an opening ocurs in the classification, after receipt of written notification, at which time he shall be given the first opportunity to invoke his rights in the classification; if, however, the employee is being laid off in his current job classification, he may invoke his retained waived seniority upon five (5) days' notice to the Company of intention to exercise his seniority rights.

It is further agreed that the immediately preceding two paragraphs apply to those employees who were on the active payroll as of September 27, 1957 and those hired subsequent to that date. Waivers signed prior to January 21, 1949 by employees out of service on January 21, 1949 shall not be affected by this Agreement and their

waived seniority remains forfeited.

Nothing in the immediately preceding three paragraphs is to be construed as being applicable to shift transfers or transfers from one department to another.

## Section 6

Where no work is available to any employee in his present job classification, he may invoke his seniority in any other job classification in which he has sufficient

seniority to be employed at the expiration of the notice of layoff required to be given the displaced employee under Article VI of this Agreement. Where an employee is about to be laid off because no work is available to him in his present job classification, he shall be notified of his "bumping" rights, (i.e., his right to be transferred to former job classifications) and he may invoke his right to be transferred to such former classification in the Heavy Metals Plant or the Fabricated Products Division. Light Metals Plant, in which case the transfer shall be made at the expiration of the notice of lavoff required to be given the displaced employee under Article VI of this Agreement, provided, however, that an employee, who, on being given his notice of layoff, immediately invokes his bumping rights shall not lose more than one (1) day's work by reason of such notice to the dis-

placed employee.

Whenever an employee is laid off and out of the Heavy Metals Plant, he shall be given a notice for rehire in any job classification in which he has sufficient seniority to be rehired when such work first becomes available. Whenever such an employee is notified to report in any job classification other than his highest job classification as defined in Section 2, and does not report for work or present a reasonable excuse within five (5) days, he shall not be entitled to any further notices to report in the iob classification for which he was notified to report or any other job classification of equal or lower pay, however, the employee shall have the right to invoke such seniority if he has sufficient seniority to be employed and gives the Company at least five (5) working days' notice in order that the displaced employee may be given the notice required under Article VI. Prior to the return of laid off employees during the five (5) day reporting period, the Company may use any workers available to do the type of work for which they are notified to report, provided that notice to return to work has been mailed to some eligible employees at least five (5) days prior to the start of such work.

#### Section 7

Employees shall lose all seniority rights in all job classifications in which they have such seniority rights if:

- a. They voluntarily terminate or quit.
- b. They are discharged for proper cause.
- c. They do not report for work during a period of layoff out of the Heavy Metals Plant when notified to report for work in their highest job classification unless within five (5) days they present a reasonable excuse. An employee's highest job classification means the, or one of the, job classifications in which the first class rate is the highest.
- d. Employees hired as new employees on or after October 1, 1961 who had thirty (30) days' to three (3) years' seniority at time of layoff and have been laid off and out of the Heavy Metals Plant for a period of six (6) months or more; however, if such employee is re-employed within one (1) year after expiration of such six (6) months, in the same classification in which he was laid off or satisfactorily completes the thirty (30) day probationary period after reemployment if rehired in a new classification, the employee will have added to his seniority all unbroken service during his last previous employment prior to being laid off or they had three (3) years' to ten (10) years' seniority at time of layoff and have been laid off and out of the Heavy Metals Plant for thirteen (13) months or more, or they had ten (10) or more years' seniority at time of layoff and have been laid off and out of the Heavy Metals Plant for twentyfour (24) months or more.

Employees hired prior to October 1, 1961 who had sixty (60) days' to ten (10) years' seniority at time of layoff and have been laid off and out of the Heavy Metals Plant for thirteen (13) months or more, or they had ten (10) or more years' seniority at time of layoff and have been

laid off and out of the Heavy Metals Plant for twenty-four (24) months or more.

Length of retention of seniority rights shall be determined solely in accordance with the employees' seniority at time of layoff.

e. They are absent from work without explanation for a period of five (5) work days. Where there is good cause for such absence, the reason for the absence may be explained after the end of the five (5) days without loss of seniority.

#### Section 8

Absences because of illness or injury or periods when an employee is unable to perform his higher job classification work because of illness or injury but is employed in a lower fob classification shall not affect seniority rights and there will be no liability for the difference in rates of pay on the part of the Company while the employee is working in the lower job classification; however, after a period of eighteen (18) months in cases of employees having up to ten (10) years' seniority as of last day worked prior to such sickness or injury or after a period of twenty-four (24) months in cases of employees having ten (10) or more years' seniority as of last day worked prior to such sickness or injury, seniority shall be retained but not accumulated. Should this employee working in a lower job classification wish to return to his higher job classification, he shall be permitted to do so provided he shall notify the Manager of Industrial Relations at least five (5) work days prior to the date he wishes to return to the higher job classification in which he has seniority rights. In cases involving occupational injury or occupational disease suffered during the course of employment with the Company, seniority shall be accumulated but all other conditions of this paragraph will apply.

An employee who is granted a leave of absence shall retain and accumulate seniority for the period of the leave of absence. However, an employee who does not return to work within ten (10) days after the expiration of a

leave of absence shall be considered to have quit his employment at the expiration of the leave of absence.

Any employee incapacitated by compensable injury or compensable occupational disease while in the employ of the Company to the extent of being unable to do his regular work may be employed in any other work in the Heavy Metals Plant that he can do without regard to any seniority provisions of this Agreement except that such employee will not cause the layoff of anyone working in the Heavy Metals Plant and will not acquire seniority in such classification. For each incapacitated employee working out of classification an employee laid off in that classification and out of the plant shall have the period of his retention and accumulation of seniority extended by the period the incapacitated employee works in the classification. The incapacitated employee may only be "bumped out" by an employee having greater seniority in the assigned classification who is currently working in the Heavy Metals Plant and exercises his rights at the time of layoff in a higher classification.

## Section 9

In order to promote efficient administration of this contract and to minimize any misunderstandings as to its meaning, it is the policy of the Company and the Union to have it administered by the same people throughout its term. To this end, top seniority is provided for the

following Union representatives.

Each of the following representatives of Local No. 61 shall have top seniority rights in the job classification he holds at the time of his election or appointment, or any lower paid job classification in which he has previously been employed when work is not available in the job classification he held at the time of his election or appointment, so long as he is able to do the work, for his term of office.

Members of the Negotiating Committee, not in excess of seven (7); Grievance Committeemen, not in excess of five (5); Stewards, not in excess of one (1) for each department on the day shift and if on the second or third shift a department shall regularly employ thirty

(30) or more employees, one (1) Steward shall be allowed in such department on the shift or shifts employing thirty (30) or more employees; other Officers of the Union, not in excess of eight (8).

The Union shall promptly notify the Industrial Relations Manager of the Company in writing of the employees who have or who have ceased to have such top

seniority rights.

#### Section 10

An employee inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States shall be given the minimum reemployment rights granted him under the Selective Service Act as amended.

If, at the time he applies for re-employment under the terms of the above-mentioned Act, his seniority is not sufficient for him to be re-employed, he shall be considered as being laid off as of the day following his discharge from the service regardless of the date on which he actually applies for re-employment.

#### Section 11

The Union will supply the Industrial Relations Manager with a list of employees desiring a change in shift. When openings occur on these shifts, the employees so listed will be transferred in order of seniority among those on the list, provided such transfer will not disrupt the operation of either shift, but in no case, provided such openings exist, shall an employee be refused a transfer from one shift to another shift in the same job classification for more than four (4) weeks because of such disruption. Whenever such changes are made, no right shall exist under Article XV, Section 1, of this Agreement.

## Section 12

The Company shall employ not more than one (1) apprentice for each five (5) machinists, other mechanics in various trades, and specialists. Apprenticeship shall be for four (4) years except machinists which will be

three (3) years. Apprentices shall have no seniority rights during the term of their apprenticeship and may be discharged at any time that the Company determines that the apprentice does not display proper aptitude for the trade. Apprentices may be assigned to do productive work but shall not be assigned to work for which there is a governmental requirement that such work be certified to or signed for by a mechanic, except under supervision of a mechanic qualified to sign for such work. Regular apprentices shall not be affected because of any layoff or other employees; provided, that said ratio shall not be exceeded. When an apprentice has completed his course and received a certificate certifying that he has learned his trade and is assigned to a particular job classification within that trade, he shall have up to four (4) years' accumulated seniority as a Helper in that classification dependent upon his length of service as an apprentice.

#### Section 13

In each instance where a job classification in Appendix "A" of this Agreement supersedes a job classification set forth in Appendix "A" (Job Classifications and Wage Rates) of the collective bargaining agreement dated September 7, 1945 and March 14, 1947, the seniority of the employee in his old job classification has been added to and made a part of his seniority in the new job classification.

All seniority accumulated in an obsolete classification, such as but not limited to Reamer, Heater, Sticker, Riveter, Countersinker, Bucker or Bolter, has been applied to the first currently used classification into which an employee was reclassified after leaving the obsolete classification. Future determination of the obsolescence of any classification presently contained in Appendix "A" of this Agreement, shall be by mutual agreement between the Company and the Union.

## Section 14

A seniority register known as Appendix "D" to the collective bargaining agreement dated March 14, 1947,

between the parties has been agreed upon by the Company and the Union and is deemed to be final and correct as of January 1, 1949 and no appeal is permitted therefrom except those cases then pending arbitration. A revised seniority register, attached hereto and made a part hereof and marked Appendix "B", showing the seniority standing of each employee in each job classification shall be posted once each year in a place accessible to all employees and will be revised as of August 1 of each year. The first revision shall be as of August 1. 1949. An employee will have sixty (60) days from date his name appears on such revised roster to appeal his roster date or relative standing thereon; it being understood that such appeal may be made only on the standing as then posted and that the employee will not be permitted to appeal standings previously posted. In case an employee is off on leave of absence, vacation, sickness, disability or suspension at the time roster is posted, the time limit provided for herein will apply from the date the employee returns to duty. If no appeal is taken within the sixty (60) day period as provided, future appeals will not be entertained. A note will be placed on each roster stating the time limit of appeal. The Union shall be given copies of seniority roster when posted.

## ARTICLE XIV

# VACATIONS

Section 1

Effective December 31, 1966, vacations for eligible employees, as defined in Section 2, will be calculated as of December 31 each year. On the first December 31 of employment he will be given four (4) hours' vacation with pay at his base hourly rate at the time of taking the vacation for each month in which he worked ten (10) or more days between his hire date and December 31, up to a maximum of forty (40) hours. On the second December 31 of continuous employment he will be given one (1) week and two (2) days vacation of fifty-six (56) hours with pay at his base hourly

rate at the time he receives his vacation pay to be taken at such time as the Company shall designate. On the third December 31 of continuous employment he will be given one (1) week and three (3) days vacation of sixty-four (64) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay to be taken at such time as the Company shall designate. On the fourth December 31 of continuous employment he will be given one (1) week and four (4) days vacation of seventy-two (72) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay to be taken at such time as the Company shall designate. At the fifth December 31 of continuous employment and through the ninth December 31 of continuous employment, he will be given a two (2) week vacation of eighty (80) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay to be taken at such time as the Company shall designate. At the tenth December 31 of continuous employment and through the nineteenth December 31 of continuous employment, he will be given three (3) weeks' vacation of one hundred twenty (120) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay to be taken at such time as the Company shall designate. At the twentieth December 31 of continuous employment and through the twenty-ninth December 31 of continuous employment, he will be given four (4) weeks' vacation of one hundred sixty (160) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay to be taken at such time as the Company shall designate. At the thirtieth and subsequent December 31sts of continuous employment he will be given five (5) weeks' vacation of two hundred (200) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay to be taken at such time as the Company shall designate. If an eligible employee is laid off prior to taking his earned vacation, the Company will pay the employee such earned vacation at the time of layoff, regardless of when the employee's vacation was scheduled and no further vacation right shall exist.

#### Section 2

In order to qualify for the foregoing vacations, ar employee who has been continuously employed for two (2) or more December 31sts and has seniority on the current December 31st must have received earnings in at least twenty-five (25) workweeks in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the current December 31st. However, employees who are laid off during the year immediately preceding December 31st and because of such layoff do not qualify for a vacation under this Section will be given a pro-rata vacation to which they might otherwise be entitled on the relationship of the weeks they did work to twenty-five (25) weeks but in no case more vacation than they would have received under this Section if they had worked twenty-five (25) weeks or more.

For purposes of eligibility for vacations, absence from work due to occupational injury or occupational disease up to twelve (12) months immediately following date of beginning of such absence will be included as time worked in the said immediately preceding twelve (12)

months.

"Continuous employment" as used in this Article means continuous seniority since any break in such seniority caused by any of the reasons enumerated in Section 7 of Article X of the Agreement.

## Section 3

Where an eligible employee has worked a six (6) day week for not less than thirteen (13) nor more than twenty-five (25) weeks during said twelve (12) months, he shall be granted an additional four (4) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay for each week of vacation to which he is otherwise entitled.

Where an eligible employee has worked a six (6) day week for twenty-six (26) or more weeks during said twelve (12) months, he shall be granted an additional eight (8) hours with pay at his base hourly rate at the time he receives his vacation pay for each week

of vacation to which he is otherwise entitled.

Eligible employees shall have the option of taking either full regular workdays with pay or be paid in cash for the additional vacation resulting from working the required six (6) day weeks. At the time of scheduling his regular vacation, the eligible employee will exercise his option by either scheduling the extra workdays off with pay or indicating he prefers cash in lieu of days off. The cash will be paid at the time he receives his vacation pay. Periods of less than a full day will be paid for in cash rather than time off.

#### Section 4

Any employee who has qualified for a vacation under Section 1 above may use all or part of his earned vacation to offset legitimate absences of three (3) days or more to the extent of his earned vacation. Legitimate absences shall mean an absence because of sickness of the employee or members of his family which requires his absenting himself from work or a death in the family.

### Section 5

Nothing in this Article shall be construed as granting an employee more than one (1) vacation in any calendar year.

# Section 6

Employees retiring prior to December 31 of the current year will be paid that portion of the vacation they would have earned as of December 31 of the current year had they not retired as the number of weeks in the current year in which they performed work bears to twenty-five (25). For example, if he performs work in two weeks he would receive 2/25ths of a vacation.

## Section 7

If an employee dies prior to December 31 of the current year payment will be made as provided by law of that portion of the vacation he would have earned as of December 31 of the current year had he not died as the number of weeks in the current year in which he performed work bears to twenty-five (25). For example, if

he performs work in two weeks he would receive 2/25ths of a vacation.

# ARTICLE XXIV

## GROUP INSURANCE PLAN

Section 1

Each eligible active employee will be entitled to participate in the Company's Group Insurance Plan to the extent provided in the Schedule of Benefits briefly set forth in Appendix "C" to this Agreement and more fully described in the Dravo Insurance Certificate which is incorporated herein by reference. This insurance program shall be placed with a reliable insurance firm and the cost of such insurance will be paid by the Company except for Supplemental Life Insurance which will be paid for by the employee. The employee will provide the Company with an authorization to deduct the cost of this insurance from his pay.

All employees are eligible to participate as of the first of the month following sixty (60) days after employ-

ment.

Section 2

This Article shall not be construed as requiring the continuation of any insurance benefit beyond the termi-

nation date of this Agreement.

This program is subject to amendments to conform with or to recognize benefits that are or may be provided by any State or Federal Law. In no event shall the benefits of this plan provide benefits duplicated under State or Federal Law, except to the extent that the benefits payable under this insurance program exceed the benefits payable under such laws.

# ARTICLE XXVI

# PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

The Company and the Union have reached mutual agreement on the subject of pensions and retirement and

the same is contained in a separate supplemental agreement dated September 27, 1950 and supplemented in October, 1965.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Dravo Corporation (Engineering Works Division) has caused this Agreement to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto; the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, A.F.L.-C.I.O., has caused this Agreement to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its seal affixed hereto; and Local 61 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, A.F.L.-C.I.O., has caused this Agreement to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its seal affixed hereto; all on the date first above written.

## DRAVO CORPORATION

Engineering Works Division Heavy Metals Plant

By: WALTER L. DAVIDSON
General Manager

Attest: Wm. G. Green
Industrial Relations Manager

G. W. ALEXANDER Operations Manager

D. W. RAEGLER Plant Manager

G. T. LEONARD
For Director of Industrial Relations

INDUSTRIAL UNION OF MARINE AND SHIPBUILDING WORKERS OF AMERICA, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Local No. 61

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INDUSTRIAL UNION OF MARINE AND SHIPBUILDING WORKERS OF AMERICA, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

By: JOHN J. GROGAN

President

Attest: ANDREW A. PETTIS

Vice-President

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sidney Salkin, one of the attorneys of record for plaintiff, hereby certify that I served a copy of this Interrogatories Propounded By Plaintiff To Be Answered BY A Responsible Officer Of Dravo Corporation, Engineering Works Division on defendant Dravo Corporation, on the — day of February 1972, by depositing in the United States mails true and correct copies of the aforementioned in an envelope requiring no postage and sent certified mail, return receipt requested, certified no. 673071 to Charles R. Volk, Esquire, 2900 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, counsel of record for defendant.

/s/ Sidney Salkin
Sidney Salkin
Attorney
One of the attorneys for plaintiff

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, CHARLES R. VOLK, the attorney of record for defendant, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the completed Interrogatories propounded by plaintiff to be answered by a responsible officer of Dravo Corporation, Engineering Works Division, on plaintiff on the 21st day of April, 1972, by depositing in the United States mail a true and correct copy of the aforementioned in an envelope sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, certified number 538509, to Sidney Salkin, Esquire, United States Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, 1505 Jefferson Building, 1015 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, one of the attorneys of record for plaintiff.

/s/ Charles R. Volk Charles R. Volk Attorney for Defendant

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Civil Action No. 71-781

[Accepted July 2, 1972, 2:25/PM, U.S. Attorney's Office Pittsburgh, Pa.]

EARL R. FOSTER, PLAINTIFF

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## DRAVO CORPORATION, DEFENDANT

#### PROCEEDINGS

Non-Jury Trial in the above-entitled action, commencing at 10:00 A.M. on May 31, 1972, United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, before Honorable Wallace S. Gourley.

## APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the Plaintiff:

Sidney Salkin, Assistant U. S. Attorney

On behalf of the Defendant:

Robert H. Shoop, Jr., Esquire

Marilyn Brown Court Reporter

[2] (The Court came to order.)

THE COURT: The Court at this time will proceed with the trial at Civil Action 71-781.

MR. SALKIN: Good morning, Your Honor. THE COURT: Good morning. Be seated.

Proceed, Mr. Salkin.

MR. SALKIN: Thank you, sir.

If I may, at first I wish to read into the record certain of the defendant's answers to the plaintiff's interrogatories which have been filed of record in this case.

THE COURT: What is your case about?

MR. SALKIN: This case, sir, is a claim brought on behalf of a veteran, Earl Foster, who seeks vacation pay and damages from his employer, as one of the reemployment rights guaranteed veterans by Congress, within the purview of the Selective Service Act of 1967. That Act is found at 50 United States Code Appendix, Section 459(b) and (c).

These rights which are sought by the veteran here were wrongfully denied him by the defendant, his employer.

The issue to be considered by this Court, sir, may be framed as follows:

Is a contract requirement which establishes as a prerequisite to vacation time with pay, that the employees have received earnings a certain number of weeks, a denial of his [3] rights secured by the Act?

Now, if I may-

THE COURT: You could also add a phrase to that, when the rights were accumulated during military service.

MR. SALKIN: I'm sorry, sir. I missed that. Would Your Honor—

THE COURT: Shouldn't you also add to your question, when the rights were accumulated during military service?

MR. SALKIN: Automatically accrued him during his absence in the military service.

THE COURT: He did not work during this period.

MR. SALKIN: He did not work while he was absent
in the military service. That is correct.

THE COURT: The question should be posed, when the rights were accumulated during military service, and he would have worked if he had not been in the military service.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct, sir, right.
THE COURT: Because there is a difference.

MR. SALKIN: Now, if I may proceed with my earlier request to read into the record certain answers of the defendant.

THE COURT: Anything that has been admitted by the defendant or anything that can be read to me, you may read it into the record, and no testimony need be offered.

[4] MR. SALKIN: Very good, sir.

I cite first Interrogatory No. 10, which read, "State the number of work weeks worked by the plaintiff, and for which he received earnings from the defendant in the course of his employment by the defendant for each calendar year from the period August 5th, 1965 through December 31st, 1968." The answer is, 1965, 22 weeks; 1966, 47 weeks; 1967, 9 weeks; 1968, 13 weeks.

THE COURT: Why are we interested or concerned with any years except the years 1967 and 1968? The defendant in his stipulation agreed that if this gentleman had not been in the military service, he would have worked during the total of the period of time that he

was in the service.

So, what relevancy do the years 1965 and 1966 have to the determination of these issues?

MR. SALKIN: Actually, the years 1965 and 1966 have no relevance, from the plaintiff's standpoint, sir.

THE COURT: Why are you reading it into the record?

MR. SALKIN: Merely because it is part of the answer, part of which does have relevance; and rather than just read the Court a partial answer, I read the entire answer, sir.

THE COURT: Well, it might be better to just read in what relates to the determination of these issues. No Court is interested in something that has no relevancy.

[5] MR. SALKIN: Very good, sir.

THE COURT: You can always read part of an an-

swer. You do not reed to read the whole.

MR. SALKIN: All right. The Interrogatory No. 14 reads, "In the period from on or about March 3rd, 1967 to on or about October 7, 1968, had the plaintiff not been absent in the military service, would he have

worked and received earnings therefor in the employment of the defendant for at least 25 weeks in each of the calendar years 1967 and 1968?" The answer is yes.

Interrogatory No. 15-

THE COURT: That was also agreed to in the stipulation. Why are you reading interrogatories when you have a stipulation? I mean, what is your trial tactic in this? Wouldn't it be simple—

MR. SALKIN: I think that will become apparent

when the defendant argues his case.

Fifteen reads, "If your answer to the preceding interrogatory is in the affirmative, would the plaintiff have accrued vacation benefits for each of the calendar years 1967 and 1968? If so, compute the specific amount of vacation benefits and the nature thereof for each of the

calendar years 1967 and 1968."

THE COURT: I notice in the stipulation, you have a place that you left open, each of you. I asked that you [6] agree to everything that is humanly possible. I cannot understand why you could not agree when it comes to a point as to where it is set forth that if the plaintiff is entitled to benefits, the benefits shall be in the amount of blank. Why couldn't you agree on it?

MR. SALKIN: We did this morning, sir.

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, we have. That isn't the— This is the correct stipulation. Mr. Salkin and I just met yesterday.

THE COURT: Sir, I can only read what you gave

me. That is all you gave me.

MR. SHOOP: I know, Your Honor. I wonder why Mr. Salkin hasn't admitted the stipulation into evidence.

THE COURT: Sir, your simple way to try it is to read into the record your stipulation.

MR. SALKIN: I hadn't come to that yet, sir, but I am about to.

THE COURT: Well, you do not want to repeat these, now, do you?

MR. SALKIN: No, sir. But, you see-

THE COURT: Why read interrogatories and answers if you have it in your stipulation? That is what I cannot understand.

MR. SALKIN: Because they are not in quite the same form in the stipulation, sir.

[7] THE COURT: Well, I guess we all try cases

differently.

MR. SALKIN: The answer to Interrogatory No. 15 was. 1967, 64 hours: 1968, 72 hours.

Now, at this point, sir, I offer into evidence a final

stipulation of facts which has been agreed to-

THE COURT: Admitted. Admitted. I would rather accept that one part; just that one.

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, that is not the stipulation

that you have in your possession.

THE COURT: Why do you men confuse a Judge then—and I take these things home and study them at night—and give me things that are improper? Why do you do that?

MR. SHOOP: I didn't-

THE COURT: Why didn't you recall what you did? MR. SHOOP: I didn't give it to you, Your Honor. The first opportunity Mr. Salkin and I had to meet was yesterday afternoon, and we agreed to a stipulation that

is now being presented into evidence.

THE COURT: Well, then, take your stipulation. I do not want to look at it. It is improper. Why do you do these things to me? I spend hours in preparing cases, and then, when we get in trial, the attorney on one side or the other says to me, "Well, that's no good."

[8] MR. SALKIN: If Your Honor please, I had several conversations over the telephone with counsel in

advance-

THE COURT: Couldn't you have called my Administrative Assistant and told him, "Forget what I sent you.

It is not the right one."

MR. SALKIN: We did not complete the final stipulation until late yesterday afternoon, sir; and it was not presented in final form until this morning.

THE COURT: Well, read it into the record.

MR. SALKIN: Very good, sir.

THE COURT: I do not know what is in it.

MR. SALKIN: All right. "Stipulation of Fact, No. 1. Plaintiff was initially employed by the defendant on or

about August 5th, 1965, and he remained continuously employed until he was granted a military leave of absence by the defendant and left his employment on or about March 6, 1967, for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States."

THE COURT: Just a minute. It is all right to tear this up, so we do not get confused? Get it out of existence. I do not want it. All right with you?

MR. SALKIN: It's all right with me, sir.

THE COURT: Well, it is of no value to anyone.

MR. SALKIN: Not at this point. "2. At-

[9] THE COURT: You fellows, you must think the only thing I have to try is what you have. Go ahead.

MR. SALKIN: "2. At the time plaintiff left his employment as aforesaid, he was employed as a Scaler—Hand Brush at an hourly rate of \$2.62.

"3. The aforementioned employment was in an other-

than-temporary position.

"4. Plaintiff served in the Armed Forces until October 1st, 1968, and thereafter made timely application to defendant for reinstatement in his employment and was restored in his pre-service position by defendant on or about October 7, 1968, at an hourly rate of \$2.92

"5. At all times material hereto, plaintiff's plant sen-

iority was and is August 5th, 1965.

"6. By the terms of a collective bargaining agreement then in force between plaintiff's collective bargaining representative, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, Local Union No. 61, AFL-CIO, and defendant, vacation benefits and eligibility therefor are provided in Article 14, Sections 1 and 2. A copy of said provisions of the said collective bargaining agreement are attached hereto and marked Exhibit 1. Said collective bargaining agreement and the aforementioned provisions thereof were in effect according to their respective terms at all times relevant to the present case.

[10] "7. In addition, Article 10, Section 8 of the aforesaid agreement provides that, 'An employee who is granted a leave of absence shall retain and accumulate seniority for the period of the leave of absence.'

"8. Article 14 defines seniority as 'the right of preference in layoffs or rehiring, measured by length of service

in a job classification at the Heavy Metals Plant,' and Section 2, lines 5 to 8 of said agreement provides, 'Continuous employment as used in this Article means continuous seniority since any break in such seniority caused by any of the reasons enumerated in Section 7 of Arti-

cle 10 of the agreement.'

"Article 14, Section 1 of the agreement provides that on the first December 31st of his employment, an employee receives 4 hours paid vacation for each month in which he worked 10 days or more. The second December 31st of continuous employment, he receives 1 week and 2 days of paid vacation. Progressively longer paid vacations are awarded up to the 30th year, always based on years of continuous employment after December 31st.

"Article 14, Section 2 provides that, beginning with the second December 31st of employment and thereafter, in order to qualify for vacation, an employee must have 'received earnings' in 25 work weeks in the 12 months immediately preceding the current December 31st.

[11] "Article 14, Section 2, lines 23 through 29 further provides, 'Employees who are laid off during the year immediately preceding December 31st, and because of such layoff do not qualify for a vacation under this section, will be given the pro rata vacation to which they might otherwise be entitled, on the relationship of the weeks they did work to 25 weeks.

"9. Plaintiff received all vacation benefits due him for the year 1966 before entering military service on or about March 6, 1967. In the period from on or about March 3rd, 1967 to on or about October, 1968, the plain-

tiff would not have been laid off.

"10. During the period between on or about March 6th, 1967 and October 7th, 1968, while the plaintiff was absent in the military service, approximately 12 employees who were junior to the plaintiff in terms of plant seniority date, and who were not called for induction into the military service, received earnings in at least 25 work weeks in each of the calendar years 1967 and 1968, and were thereby eligible for vacation benefits. Said junior employees, the number of work weeks worked, and the

vacation credits received are nereto attachd as Stipulation

Exhibit No. 2.

"11. Plaintiff's vacation benefits would have amounted to 64 hours for the calendar year 1967, and 72 hours for the calendar year 1968, based on his seniority and length of continuous service with the defendant.

[12] "12. Article 5 of the aforesaid agreement recognizes the company's right to discharge or discipline em-

ployees for 'proper cause'."

THE COURT: What does that have to do with the

case?

MR. SALKIN: As far as I'm concerned, nothing, sir. In the event the Court—

THE COURT: Well, then, why are you stipulating that?

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, I just wanted to stipulate that, if Mr. Salkin is prepared to make the argument that a person need only work 26 days in the course of a whole year to qualify for vacation. I would like to point out to the Court that if a man is continuously absent, we would discharge that man for failure to be a regular employee.

So therefore, we do have proper cause in that this analysis or analogy that Mr. Salkin may make in his argument—and I don't know if he is going to make it—that a man would only work 26 days and could get a full vacation isn't really true, because it won't happen, would

be my point on that.

THE COURT: What do you mean, it would not

happen?

MR. SHOOP: Because we would discharge an [13] individual for proper cause, that is, failure to be a regular employee, if he just came to work one day for each of 26 weeks, or 25 weeks, excuse me.

MR. SALKIN: Of course, that's purely speculative

from the plaintiff's point of view.

MR. SHOOP: Of course, it's speculative from your point of view; and I just wanted to point out that, of course, there are other remedies, if Mr. Salkin wants to make this argument.

THE COURT: I do not see where it has anything to do with the case, but if you want it in the record, all right. At least, I will not consider it, unless you change my thinking.

MR. SALKIN: Very good, sir.

"In the event the Court finds for the plaintiff in this case, it is stipulated and agreed that the damages incurred and payable to plaintiff by defendant by virtue of defendant's denial of plaintiff's vacation pay and other benefits shall be \$377.92."

Now, if I may, sir, I will offer the aforementioned stipulation of facts with its exhibits attached for identification, and ask that it be admitted into evidence.

THE COURT: Admitted. Mark it, Mr. Clerk.

But do not offer any oral testimony about anything that has been stipulated.

[14] MR. SALKIN: I have no intention of doing

so, sir.

THE COURT: Did you attach the collective bargaining agreement to your stipulation?

MR. SALKIN: The relevant portions which I quoted,

sir, are attached.

THE COURT: Read me the provision in the collective bargaining agreement, if you will, please, that holds that when a man is in the military service—I realize he keeps getting his seniority. Read me the provision of the collective bargaining agreement that says that while he is in the military service, it is the same as if he were working, as far as vacation allowance is concerned.

MR. SALKIN: There are no provisions in the collective bargaining agreement, sir, providing for any benefits with relation to persons in the military service, other than a simple statement that the—if I may find it here

now.

THE COURT: Well, there is no man who has any more sympathy to any man who has the guts and the physical and mental capabilities of serving his country, when they hearken to the call of service, than I do.

It is just unfortunate that so many of the young men come home, especially from this dastardly war we have in Vietnam, and they have no work or no place to go. [15] But where does the Court get any authority to read into a collective bargaining agreement something that does not exist?

That is my problem in these cases; and this is not the first one of this nature that I have had, as you are well aware.

MR. SALKIN: Very much so, sir.

There are several distinctions. Number one, the Court gets the authority from the holdings of the Supreme Court in several cases.

THE COURT: The Supreme Court cannot read into a collective bargaining agreement something that does not

exist.

MR. SALKIN: But the Supreme Court has held that collective bargaining agreements, where they collide with the provisions and rights guaranteed to the veteran by the terms of the Selective Service Act, must give way to the requirements of the Act.

THE COURT: Well, that I cannot buy.

MR. SALKIN: But that is the language of the Court, sir.

THE COURT: Well, I have ruled to the contrary.

MR. SALKIN: Pardon me?

THE COURT: I have ruled to the contrary, [16] as you know.

MR. SALKIN: I know. I know, sir.

Now, going back to your first question about the right— THE COURT: You had better present your case on facts first. When you tell me you are through with the evidence, then I will hear the other side.

Is there any other evidence you have to offer?

MR. SALKIN: Simply the answer to your question as to the rights of the veteran, in the collective bargaining

agreement itself.

Section 10 provides that an employee inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States shall be given the minimum re-employment rights guaranteed him under the Selective Service Act, as amended; and that is the only reference in the collective bargaining agreement at any point. THE COURT: Well, they gave this young man his job back, with the increase in salary rights, as soon as he was discharged and he was able to arrange his affairs to start to work, didn't they?

MR. SALKIN: That is not in issue here, sir.

THE COURT: Isn't that a fact?

MR. SALKIN: That is a fact, I presume. That is not in issue.

THE COURT: It either is or it isn't.

[17] What your adversary said is that a person in the military service will not lose any seniority rights. That I agree, and that should be. But didn't he get everything back that he had before he left, as far as the job that he had and the wages that he received for that job?

MR. SALKIN: He got his wages and he got his job

back, sir, but not all of his seniority rights.

THE COURT: Pardon me?

MR. SALKIN: But not all of his seniority rights. From the plaintiff's point of view, his vacation benefits—

THE COURT: Yes, but he had-

MR. SALKIN: —were part of his seniority rights.

THE COURT: Sir, you and I had a little trouble the last time you were here, with you interrupting me.

Please don't interrupt me, and I won't interrupt you,

either.

As I understand it, he got his job back, with the same seniority stature as if he had worked during the whole time he was in military service, when he came back; is that right?

MR. SALKIN: Except that he-

THE COURT: He got the job back, based on his seniority. He did not lose anything as far as his job [18] status.

MR. SALKIN: He got his pre-service job back.

THE COURT: That is all I asked you. And he got the increase in wages that took place during the time that he was in military service.

MR. SALKIN: He got his increase in wages. Yes, sir. THE COURT: That is all I asked you again. The only thing he did not get was, the company would not pay him the accumulation of vacation time that he would

have accumulated had he been working, rather than if he had been in the military service.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct.

THE COURT: You claim that while under this contract—Well, you say under the contract there is no provision in it about him getting the accumulation as far as vacation for the time that he was in military service. There is nothing in the contract about that?

MR. SALKIN: There is no-nothing in the contract

about that, in those terms.

THE COURT: That is all I asked.
MR. SALKIN: In those terms.
THE COURT: That is all I asked.

-MR. SALKIN: And if I may make an amendment-

THE COURT: That is all I asked.

[19] MR. SALKIN: If-May I make an amendment

to my answer?

THE COURT: Is there anything in the contract that says that while any employee of the defendant is in the military service of his country, he earns, he earns his vacation rights the same as if he were actually working while he was in military service? Is there anything in the contract that says that, in the collective bargaining agreement?

MR. SALKIN: The contract does say that, by merely being on the payroll, as opposed to working, an employee does earn vacation benefits.

THE COURT: Read that to me. MR. SALKIN: Very good, sir.

THE COURT: That while he is on the payroll-

MR. SALKIN: The payroll.

THE COURT: —he earns his vacation benefits, even though he does not work.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct.

THE COURT: What does that say? The section and the page.

MR. SALKIN: All right. Section 1 of Article 14.

THE COURT: Section 1.

MR. SALKIN: Article 14 reads as follows:

"Effective December 31st, 1966, vacations for [20] eligible employees, as defined in Section 2—

THE COURT: What does Section 2 say? How does

that define it? As defined in Section 2?

MR. SALKIN: "In order to qualify for the foregoing vacations, an employee who has been continuously employed for two or more December 31st's and has seniority on the current December 31st, must have received earnings in at least 25 work weeks in the 12 months preceding the current December 31st."

THE COURT: All right. Now, did this gentleman receive earnings in those preceding 25 months while he was

in military service?

MR. SALKIN: He received earnings in the years in question, nine weeks in 1967 before entering military service, and 13 weeks in 1968 after leaving.

THE COURT: But that says 25 weeks, doesn't it?

MR. SALKIN: That does.

THE COURT: Well, how does he qualify under that section if it says 25 weeks, and he only worked the nine and 13 weeks?

MR. SALKIN: Because this case is very similar to

the Accardi vs. Pennsylvania Railroad case.

THE COURT: Forget about the other case. I am asking you a simple question. You are saying there that [21] for the man to be eligible for vacation benefits, he must work at least 25 weeks in a year; right?

MR. SALKIN: It says he must work-he must have

received earnings. It does not say he must work.

THE COURT: But he must have received earnings in 25 weeks in a year.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct.

THE COURT: Now, did he work during the years 1967 and 1968 and receive earnings for 25 weeks?

MR. SALKIN: He did not receive earnings for 25

weeks in each of those calendar years.

THE COURT: For the year 1967, he only received earnings for nine weeks.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct.

THE COURT: And through the year 1968, he received earnings for how many weeks?

MR. SALKIN: Thirteen.

THE COURT: Well, then, how can you say that he comes within the provisions of that contract?

MR. SALKIN: Because of the interpretation of the

Accardi case by the Supreme Court, sir.

THE COURT: But I am not talking about that. I am talking about that contract.

MR. SALKIN: The contract-

THE COURT: You will admit that, as far as [22] the contract is concerned, and as far as what he did, he only worked nine weeks in the years 1967 and he only worked 13 weeks in the year 1968.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct.

THE COURT: So as far as the contract is concerned, he does not fall within the terms and provisions of it.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct, sir.

THE COURT: I asked you.

MR. SALKIN: That's it. Very good.

Now, may I—Do you want to hear my argument, sir? THE COURT: I want to know if you are through with your case.

MR. SALKIN: All right, sir. Now, I wish to enter

into evidence-

THE COURT: I am giving you a chance to present your case. We will have the arguments after all the evidence is in.

(Whereupon, a document was marked Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2 for identification.)

MR. SALKIN: At this point, sir, I wish to enter into evidence, having first had it marked for identification, a photostatic copy of the plaintiff's discharge certificate—[23] THE COURT: Admitted.

MR. SALKIN: -indicating an honorable release from

active duty.

THE COURT: Admitted.

(Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2 was received in evidence.)

MR. SALKIN: It will be Plaintiff's B, I believe.

THE CLERK: Two.

MR. SALKIN: Two? I have no further evidence as such, to offer at this stage.

THE COURT: Defendant may proceed.

MR. SHOOP: I have no evidence, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Defendant may proceed with your

argument.

Have you men submitted to the Court your suggested findings of fact and conclusions of law? Or are you in agreement as to all the facts?

MR. SHOOP: As to all the facts, Your Honor, I be-

lieve we are in agreement.

THE COURT: You are in agreement. Well, you know the Court is bound to make findings of fact and conclusions of law. So, since there is no dispute between you, then the findings of fact of this Court would be what is in your stipulation.

[24] MR. SHOOP: I would agree, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Is that agreeable?

MR. SALKIN: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Now, do you have anything in your stipulation to the effect that, consistent with several of the questions that I have asked, that as far as the collective bargaining agreement is concerned, it is not in dispute that in the year 1967, this plaintiff only worked nine weeks, and in the year 1968, only 13 weeks? That is in your stipulation?

MR. SHOOP: I believe so, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Is it in your stipulation that there is no provision in the collective bargaining agreement that sets forth or provides that while a person is in military service, he does not—and when he is not actually working for the defendant—he is not considered as being actually at work?

MR. SHOOP: There is no affirmative statement of that in the stipulation, but I would believe that Mr. Salkin and I could stipulate that that is the case under

the collective bargaining agreement.

THE COURT: Well, he has told me that, and I am asking if you agree.

MR. SHOOP: I agree.

MR. SALKIN: I don't agree with that, Your [25] Honor.

THE COURT: Pardon?

MR. ALKIN: I can't agree to that, Your Honor.
THE COURT: You just did it twice, about five minutes ago

MR. SALKIN: I agreed that he has to be on the payroll and have received earnings, but I did not—I cannot agree that he must have worked, or that he would

have worked.

THE COURT: You don't listen, my friend. I said, there is no provision in the collective bargaining agreement that says, in so many words, that while a person is in miltary service, he is considered as actually working and earning wages from his employer.

MR. ALKIN: No. That is correct.

THE COURT: That is all I asked you, for the third time.

Do you agree?

MR. 3HOOP: I agree, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. SHOOP: I have prepared a brief, a pretrial memoradum of law.

MR. ALKIN: I would ask the Court for leave to file

a brief on behalf of the plaintiff.

[26] THE COURT: This case was supposed to be ready for final adjudication. What do you want me to delay it again for? You mean you have not filed every brief that you want to file?

MR. SALKIN: No, sir. I haven't filed a brief as

yet. I an have one in a few days.

THE COURT: I apparently did not specify and set it

out the way. I intended. Let's see what I say.

I do not like to delay these things. If I have a matter for determination, I like to decide it as soon as I leave the Berch. Sometim I do it right from the Berch.

You ay I never told you to file a brief in this case?

MR. SALKIN: That is correct, sir. THE COURT: Well. I made a mistake.

You have no other brief you want to file, except what you have given to the Court today?

MR. SHOOP: That is right, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I commend you, sir, for having the brief ready during the trial. All counsel should do that, without the Judge writing it on a blackboard.

Please do it in the future.

MR. SALKIN: Very good, sir.

THE COURT: Because the easiest, the best, and the most proper time for a Judge to decide a case that is [27] not involved, like this one, is as soon as he hears it, while it is fresh in his mind.

Go ahead, sir.

MR. SHOOP: If Your Honor will just excuse me a second.

THE COURT: You can have all the time you want. MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, I would submit to the Court that this case is identical to the one that was decided by this Court in the case of Fees vs. Bethlehem Steel. I have cited it in my pretrial memorandum.

THE COURT: Here is the opinion; I wrote it.

MR. SHOOP: I am sure this Court is quite aware of it. As a matter of fact, I spent some time when I prepared my pretrial memorandum, if I just wouldn't take the Fees case and take your opinion and write it down as a pretrial memorandum and submit it back to the Court, because I think—

THE COURT: Of course, I could be wrong.

MR. SHOOP: I think Your Honor covered all of the points that Mr. Salkin has raised here today and will raise, particularly those of the *Accardi* and the *Eagar* case.

I believe that this Court, in Fees, did distinguish Eagar from the instant case and from this case before the Court.

[28] As you recognized, the Supreme Court's decision in Eagar does not unequivocally lend support to the Government's position here.

I would submit that in Eagar, the plaintiff had earned his vacation and was automatically entitled to the benefits

under the provisions of that contract.

As Your Honor has recognized, in this case there is a provision that a man must have earnings in 25 weeks in order to qualify to be an eligible employee for vacation. In this case, the plaintiff did not earn the requisite 25 weeks' earnings. He earned nine in 1967 and 13 in 1968.

I would submit that it is still the law of the Third Circuit, as this Court again recognized, of *Dougherty* vs. *General Motors*, and in that case, our Third Circuit recognized that it is not a violation of the veteran's re-employment rights to have a work requirement requiring that a person work so many years or have so much earnings to qualify for a vacation.

This is the law of our Third Circuit; and until changed by the Third Circuit or unequivocally changed by the Supreme Court of the United States, I submit that this

is still the law.

So, therefore, Your Honor, based on your decision in Fees, based on the Third Circuit's case in Dougherty, I would submit that this case falls squarely within those rules, that an earnings requirement as set forth in the [29] collective bargaining agreement is not a violation of a returning veteran's rights.

In my pretrial memorandum, I have submitted other cases that would all hold and support this Court's determination, including the Tenth Circuit—the Tenth and

the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I would submit that if an employee is to be entitled to more, his union representative and collective bargaining representative would have negotiated such benefits for that man. But in this contract, an employee is entitled to the minimum benefits required for a returning veteran.

I am sympathetic, as is this Court, towards the plight of returning veterans. But in this case, the plaintiff got his job back at an increased rate of pay; he got additional vacation over and above that that he had when he left; and he got on that escalator. All things that were automatically accrued to him because of seniority, he received.

Through no stretch of the imagination, under this collective bargaining agreement, does vacation automatically accrue to a person, unless he has worked the requisite 25 weeks or had earnings in these requisite 25 weeks.

THE COURT: Well, how do you distinguish this case from the case that your distinguished adversary, Attorney Salkin, persist has application? The Supréme Court of the United States has ruled, as I understand his position, [30] that when a man is in military service, it is the equivalent of working.

MR. SHOOP: I don't believe that is what that case—any case of the Supreme Court made the statement that when a man is in the military service, it is the equivalent of working. The *Accardi* case was not concerned with vacation pay. It was concerned with severance pay.

In our case, it is not even working. We are one step beyond that. A man must have earnings in 25 weeks to qualify for a vacation. He must have earnings. He must do more than work. He must have earnings.

Maybe this is a distinction without a difference, but I would submit that it is more of a requirement than just working, to have earnings in each of 25 weeks; and I submit that *Accardi* does not make the statement that Mr. Salkin would submit. I am—

THE COURT: I could not find it in a very careful reading of the case, but he again is persisting that it does provide it in substance.

Well, we will no doubt be enlightened on this some

day by somebody.

MR. SHOOP: Well, I would submit, Your Honor, that this Court in *Fees* and our Third Circuit Court in *Dougherty* has correctly found the law in regard to returning veterans; and to open the door further, as counsel for the [31] Government would suggest, is to open the door to possibility of payments for the insurance during the course of a man's service, Blue Cross, hospitalization, anything else that he may be entitled to, that has commonly been recognized as earnings under collective bargaining agreements; and, as Your Honor is fully aware, under labor policy, you earn your vaca-

tion. You earn these benefits. They do not automatically accrue, as the plaintiff would have us believe.

I thank you.

THE COURT: You may proceed, Mr. Salkin.

You say something about a brief, sir. You discuss all facts in your pretrial statement, and I do not know, unless you have something that you are going to place in a brief different from what you presented to Court in the Fees case, what is the use of your rewriting it?

MR. SALKIN: My pretrial statement is not a com-

plete argument, sir.

THE COURT: Well, you have put in all the facts about your case. You do not need to repeat what is in your pretrial statement.

MR. SALKIN: But I would like to argue the law,

sir.

THE COURT: I do not think I ever denied you the right to argue the law. Your time is unlimited.

MR. SALKIN: That isn't what I mean, sir. [32]

That is the purpose of my filing a brief.

THE COURT: You mean you want to argue today, and you want to file a brief, and argue again?

MR. SALKIN: No, sir. I want to argue today, and

simply follow up with a brief. That is all.

Let me first disabuse the Court of any notion that I am advancing the theory that absence in the military service is the equivalent of working. That is not what I said the *Accardi* case held; and in fact, I do not see that the *Accardi* case does so hold, and that is not the theory that I advanced before this Court today.

What I am simply suggesting to the Court is that under the particular and peculiar circumstances of this case, in any event, that vacation benefits as applied here are a perquisite of seniority: that these are benefits which would have automatically accrued to the plaintiff by his mere attachment to the work force, by his continuity of employment, of his being on the payroll and accruing seniority.

THE COURT: If he had worked 25 weeks in the year.

MR. SALKIN: I cannot go along with that as a

qualification, sir.

THE COURT: That is where we separate and go off in different ways; and as I see it, it is going to require an Appellate Court to tell us who is right, whether [33] it is you or I.

MR. SALKIN: Yes, it may be so. However-

THE COURT: We will know this time next year. Go ahead.

There is no difference between this case and the Fees case.

MR. SALKIN: There are some very distinguishing differences, I think, sir. In any event, whichever way the Fees case—

THE COURT: I wish you would spell them out. I fail to see them.

MR. SALKIN: Okay. To begin with-

THE COURT: There is a difference in the number of weeks that this young man worked during the year 1967 and 1968, and there is a difference in his work and a difference in his wages. Certainly there are differences, but I mean the basic, fundamental, legal issue is the same, isn't it?

MR. SALKIN: The fundamental, legal issues is the same.

THE COURT: That is all I asked.

MR. SALKIN: There are distinguishing factors, though, in those cases.

THE COURT: Spell them out for me.

MR. SALKIN: All right. Number one, in the [34] Fees case, as I recall, there was a work requirement that the veteran or plaintiff have worked for a specific number of hours in order to qualify for vacation benefits, commensurate with his seniority.

THE COURT: All right, you have hours in the Fees

case, and you have weeks in this case.

MR. SALKIN: Received earnings in a minimum of 25 work weeks.

THE COURT: And in this case, it is wages for 25 weeks.

MR. SALKIN: That is correct.

THE COURT: What is the difference? MR. SALKIN: There is a difference—

THE COURT: To me, it is the same thing.
MR. SALKIN: The difference is the same—

THE COURT: I do not care whether it is earnings

or wages.

MR. SALKIN: The difference is the same difference that the Accardi case applied in the matter of severance pay, where they determined that the real nature of the benefits there was commensurate with seniority, because of the fact that it had as its incentive, not added pay for services performed, but a reward for continuous employment, a reward for continued attachment to the work force.

This is precisely the situation here.

[35] THE COURT: My goodness, my friend, if employers have to pay—I wish they could afford to do it financially. If employers have to pay every young man who is unfortunate enough to be called to serve his country, what you say, they will go backrupt. They cannot stay in business, because they are paying out money and they get nothing in return for it.

MR. SALKIN: Sir, I submit to the Court that, even if that were true or it should be true, that is a matter for legislative consideration; and the statute as it presently reads and as applied by the Supreme Court, I sub-

mit to the Court, is otherwise.

THE COURT: But Congress can pass no law impairs the obligation of a contract. If you have a plective bargaining agreement between an employer and the union, and a gentleman, a member of the union, Congress cannot pass a law that impairs the obligation of that contract or changes it.

Congress, by the Selective Service Act, cannot read something into a collective bargaining agreement that

does not exist, and no Court can.

MR. SALKIN: I submit that the Supreme Court—If that is the terms on which this Court views it, then I submit that the Supreme Court did just that.

THE COURT: I think maybe, with the new [36] complement of the Supreme Court, if they rule that way, they might change the rules.

MR. SALKIN: Well, they have done it in a number

of cases, sir.

First of all, they established the escalator principle, as I have cited before in the past, in the case of Fishgold vs. Oliver Dry Dock, and they followed up with the Accardi case, establishing the principle which I have just cited; and of course, the Fishgold case has been reaffirmed

in many other cases since that time.

I submit also that the Ninth Circuit Court, in the Eagar vs. Magma Copper case, in its decision at that time, although it did come out at the time the Accardicase came out, did not—was not aware of the Accardidecision, as evidenced by the fact that in a recent case, the majority of the Court in the Ninth Circuit has now adopted the former dissenting view of Judge Madden; and that case is found at—is entitled Locaynia vs. American Airlines. That is dated March 17, 1972, not yet officially reported, but it may be found in 67 Labor Cases, Paragraph 12,537. What the Court said there was as follows:

"The narrow issue presented in this: Was this vacation pay a perquisite of seniority, as appellants claim, or was it within the category of other benefits, as American contends? Resolution of the issue turns on the appropriate [37] interpretation of Accardi vs. Pennsylvania Railroad and Eagar vs. Magma Copper Co.," citing his own decision.

They went on to state, after citing the Supreme Court's holding defining seniority, and the escalator principle, they discussed the per curiam reversal of this Court's decision in the Magma Copper Co.

THE COURT: Which Court?

MR. SALKIN: This Ninth Circuit Court, and then said, "We read the Supreme Court summary reversal of Eagar as an explicit rejection of American's contention." That is, that vacation pay is another benefit, rather than

a seniority perquisite, and therefore reversed the judgment of the lower Court and found for the plaintiffs.

Now, I wish the Court would recognize-

THE COURT: Well, all Accardi involved, my friend, was the question of severance pay allowance for World War II veterans who were being phased out by the railroad.

The Court held the railroad was required to compute the time spent by the employees in the military in determining severance allowance, which was based on years of compensated service, as defined in the collective bargaining agreement as one day worked per month for a

minimum of seven months out of the year.

In so holding, the Court felt a liberal construction of the term seniority was necessary, and that the [38] intention of Congress, as expressed in the Act, was to preserve for the returning veterans the rights and benefits which would have automatically accrued to them had they remained in private employment rather than responding to the call of their duties.

The Court, in *Accardi*, was concerned with insuring that veterans would be properly credited with years of seniority; and severance payments in *Accardi* were based primarily on length of service. It had to do with what these men were to get as far as their severance allowance pay. It did not have anything to do with vacation.

MR. SALKIN: No, but every Court that has since discussed the *Accardi* case has applied the principle of the *Accardi* case to vacation benefits; and I can cite—

THE COURT: I have never read one that holds that.

MR. SALKIN: Well, I think-

THE COURT: Well, which one holds that, under the facts that you have in this case, this gentleman is entitled to be considered as having worked 25 weeks in the years 1967 and 1968?

MR. SALKIN: Morton vs. Gulf Railroad, Gulf, Louis-

iana.

THE COURT: What is the citation? Give me all the facts of that case.

[39] MR. SALKIN: Let's see if I have—I may have the entire opinion here, sir.

THE COURT: Don't you know what is in your cases? You should know what you are standing on. You argue that a certain case has certain provisions and certain value. Otherwise, I could hear this under Rule 78. I do not need to hear your argument.

You wanted to be heard, so you certainly should tell me what is in your cases that you say supports your

position. Do you tell me you do not know?

MR. SALKIN: I have-yes, sir. I have the-

THE COURT: What is the citation?

MR. SALKIN: You said you wanted the facts of the case?

THE COURT: I want the citation, and I want the

facts.

MR. SALKIN: The citation is 405 Fed. 2nd 415.

THE COURT: What Circuit?
MR. SALKIN: This is the—
MR. SHOOP: Eighth Circuit.
MR. SALKIN: Eighth Circuit, sir.

THE COURT: All right. What are the facts in this

case?

MR. SALKIN: The appellant, Robert Morton, [40] began working as an electrician for the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company in 1950 and continued in his employment until April 6, 1951, when he left his position to serve in the United States Air Force for a period of four years. On April the 18th, 1955, five days after his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Morton resumed and has since continued his employment.

In May of 1967, Morton instituted this action against his employer for recovery of earned vacation pay and for a decree directing the railroad to credit him with the time spent in the military in calculating the length

of his paid vacation.

Morton contends that the railroad has denied him seniority rights, contrary to Section 9 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

Federal jurisdiction having been established, the Dis-

trict Court denied him-

THE COURT: 'Denied him seniority rights. That has not been denied in this case.

MR. SALKIN: We allege that it has, sir; that vaca-

tion pay benefits are seniority rights.

THE COURT: It depends how the Court is phrasing that, and using that phrase, that denied him seniority rights. Do you mean they use that, by failing to pay him his vacation, they denied him seniority rights?

MRa SALKIN: That is, by failing to-No-[41] to

award him paid vacation, yes, sir.

Rights and obligations of the employer and the employees are granted paid vacations, the length of bargaming agreements. These agreements specified that employees are granted paid vacations, the length of which is determined for each employee according to the number of consecutive years in which he has performed a minimum number of days of compensated service for the railroad.

THE-COURT: They are seniority rights; right? .

MR. SALKIN: I presume so, yes.

THE COURT: You cannot presume so. It either is or it isn't.

MR. SALKIN: Well, it is. THE COURT: All right.

MR. SALKIN: The railroad considered that Morton must have insufficient compensated service in each year following his 1955 re-employment to qualify him under the then effective collective bargaining agreement for ten days of paid vacation in both 1966 and 1967, which is the normal vacation for employees with ten consecutive years of active service with the railroad.

In seeking additional vacation benefits, Morton contends that, for the purpose of determining his vacation benefits, the time spent in military service should have been [42] considered as equivalent to compensated em-

ployment with the railroad.

With such calculations, Morton had achieved 15 years of continuous service with the railroad by the beginning of 1966, and accordingly, he asserted entitlement to 15 days of vacation pay in the year 1966 and in the year 1967.

THE COURT: Your collective bargaining agreement differs. This one says that a man has to actually work, work 25 weeks in the year, to be eligible.

MR. SALKIN: But that does not say so, sir.

THE COURT: This collective bargaining agreement does.

MR. SALKIN: No, sir. It says that he must have received earnings. It does not say he must have worked.

THE COURT: What is the difference?

MR. SALKIN: For 25 weeks.

THE COURT: If you receive earnings or work? If you do not get paid, you do not receive earnings unless you work.

MR. SALKIN: In theory, sir, he could receive earnings in 25 consecutive work weeks by working one or

two days a week.

THE COURT: If this country is coming to that, what is going to happen? Industry is going to close its [43] doors. There won't be any jobs for anybody.

Go ahead. I just cannot see your philosophy, my friend, but you go ahead. Maybe you will change me.

There are enough give-away programs in this country, without making industry pay a man when he does not work.

MR. SALKIN: Now, the Court now goes on to cite Section 9(c) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, and reads, "Shall be considered as having been on furlough or leave of absence during his period of training and service in the Armed Forces, shall be so restored without loss of seniority," and that is italicized.

THE COURT: We all agree to that.

MR. SALKIN: "And shall be entitled to participate in insurance and other benefits offered."

THE COURT: I agree to that.

MR. SALKIN: All right. The appellee railroad, in denying Morton's claim to an increased vacation entitlement, contends that vacation pay is not an element of Section 9 senicrity, but rather should be considered as one of the other benefits, for the purposes of that section. It is urged that if another employee similarly situated to Morton had been on leave of absence from the

railroad, rather than in military service, for the same four years, he would not have performed compensated service, as defined by the [44] collective bargaining agreement, and would not have been entitled to more than ten days of vacation pay in 1966 and in 1967.

The issue here, however, s whether the vacation pay is a seniority right under the statute. If so, Morton's service time counts. If not, Morton is '5 be treated as any other employee who had been on non-military leave. Morton's right to increase vacation benefits is a necessary perquisite of his Section 9 seniority right.

We hold that the railroad's failure in calculating vacation pay to credit Morton with compensated service time for the period in which he was in the Armed Forces

violated Section 9(c) of the Act.

Without this inclusion, Morton would not be accorded reinstatement in his employment without loss of seniority, as is required by the Act. Eagar vs. Magma Copper Co., 389 U.S. 323 (1967), and Accardi vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Co., 383 U.S. 225 (1966).

So here, we have the Circuit-

THE COURT: And that collective bargaining agreement had the same provisions in it as the collective bargaining agreement has in this case?

MR. SALKIN: All it defined was compensated serv-

ice. Compensated service-

THE COURT: Sir, you answer my question. [45] Does the collective bargaining agreement in the case that you have have the same phraseology in it as the collective bargaining agreement has in the case before the Court? Or is it different, and if so, how is it different?

MR. SALKIN: It is different in the following. The collective bargaining agreement in Morton read as follows:

"Effective with the calendar year 1965, an annual vacation of 15 consecutive work days with pay will be granted to each employee covered by this agreement who renders compensated service on not less than 100 days during the preceding calendar year, and who has 15 or more years of continuous service, and who, during

such period of continuous service, renders compensated service on not less than 100 days, 133 days in the years 1950 to 1959, inclusive, 151 days in 1949, and 160 days in each of such years prior to 1949, in each of 15 of such years, not necessarily consecutive."

THE COURT: And the collective bargaining agreement before the Court is 25 weeks a year of compensated

service.

MR. SALKIN: Of-All right, of having received earnings. You might-It sounds as if it were for com-

pensated—

THE COURT: And you believe the phrase, "having received earnings", to be synonymous, or mean exactly the same thing as having received—You are saying that the [46] phrase, "having received earnings", and "compensated service" mean exactly the same thing.

MR. SALKIN: As a matter of fact, I think it is even more liberal than compensated service, because the word service implies work, whereas received earnings does not

necessarily imply work.

THE COURT: Well, nobody is going to pay somebody earnings if he does not work, unless they want to

go out of business.

MR. SALKIN: However, this was the agreement in the Morton case, which I just read to you, sir. This is cited in a footnote in the decision.

THE COURT: What is that Circuit again?

MR. SALKIN: That we be Eighth Circuit, I believe. THE COURT: Who are the Judges? I know them all. MR. SALKIN: Who are the Judges? Vogel, Lay and Bright.

Now, would you like me to continue with that?

THE COURT: Sir, how you want to argue this case is up to you. I just asked you some questions that I had.

MR. SALKIN: All right. We are benefited by those teachings of the Supreme Court in similar [47] controversies. In Accardi vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Co., supra, an employer granted, pursuant to a union agreement, separation allowances to employees whose services were terminated by the employer. The allowances increased in

proportion to the length of time an employee had ren-

dered compensated service.

The Supreme Court held that the employer was required to include the period of military service of reemployed veterans in computing the amount of their severance pay. Such separation allowances were included within the seniority rights guaranteed by the Act.

Similarly, in Eagar vs. Magma, supra, a collective bargaining agreement provided for paid vacations at the end of a work year to any employee who had been employed for at least one year and had worked 75 per cent of the shifts available to him that year. The agreement also stipulated for holiday pay to those employees who worked the shifts immediately preceding and immediately subsequent to the holiday, and who had been on the payroll for three consecutive months prior to the holiday.

Employee Eagar began working for the company on March 12, 1958, and entered military service one week before the one-year anniversary date of his employment. Following his military discharge, he returned to company

employment on May 2nd, 1962.

Although Eagar had worked 75 per cent of the [48] shifts for the year ending March 12, 1959, and had worked the shifts both before and after Memorial Day and Independence Day in 1962, Magma refused him vacation benefits and holiday pay for those periods because, one, as to vacation pay, he was not in the service of the company at the end of the vacation earning year, as was required by the contract; and two, as to holiday pay, he had not been on the compay payroll for three consecutive months prior to either holiday. The Ninth Circuit sustained the employer's position at 380 Fed. 2nd 318 (1966).

THE COURT: How do you distinguish the Dougherty vs. General Motors case in this Circuit, which holds that vacation eligibility is a benefit to which a veteran is not entitled if he has not fulfilled a work requirement for

eligibility?

MR. SALKIN: That depends, sir, on the nature of the workTHE COURT: And our Circuit has ruled since 1949, and certiorari was denied, and they have never changed that rule of law.

MR. SALKIN: I submit, sir, that that depends pretty much on the nature of the so-called work requirement.

THE COURT: But didn't our Circuit rule that way?

MR. SALKIN: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And isn't it the duty of a [49] District Court to follow the rule of law as enunciated by the Circuit in which the District Court sits?

MR. SALKIN: That is true.

THE COURT: So, whether I agree or whether I disagree with the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in *Dougherty* vs. *General Motors*, I have no discretion I can apply. It does not matter if all the other nine Circuits plus the District of Columbia have rule to the contrary. I still must, I shall, and am required to follow the decision in this Circuit. I have no discretion I can exercise.

MR. SALKIN: I submit, sir, that you do. I submit—

THE COURT: I cannot, sir.

MR. SALKIN: I submit that, under the rulings of the Supreme Court—

THE COURT: But the Supreme Court has not ruled

the way you are arguing.

MR. SALKIN: Well, it's the plaintiff's allegation that it has, sir. We hold—We allege that the Supreme Court—

THE COURT: You can well be right, my friend.

MR. SALKIN: Pardon me?

THE COURT: You can well be right in your position, but you are going to have to convince my higher [50] Appellate Court. I cannot disregard what they say.

MR. SALKIN: I submit, sir-

THE COURT: Even though the other nine Circuits plus the District of Columbia ruled differently, I cannot say, "Well, what you said, my dear brothers, does not seem to be accepted any more, so I am not going to follow you."

It is not easy, it is not pleasant for a United States District Judge to have the Appellate Court who supervises his decision say to it, the District Court, "Where do you get the authority to say that what we have done

is not right?"

I have read and I have re-read the *Dougherty* case, 176 Fed. 2nd 561, and it says unequivocally and without exception or reservation that vacation eligibility is a benefit to which a veteran is not entitled, if he has not fulfilled a work requirement for eligibility.

That is what it says. You claim they do not say that?

MR. SALKIN: No, sir.

THE COURT: If so, I will get the case and we will read it word by word.

MR. SALKIN: No, sir, I don't say that. I say, how-

ever, that in the-

THE COURT: Well, where does a District Court get authority to overrule a Circuit Court?

[51] MR. SALKIN: May I be heard on that question, sir?

THE COURT: Well, I have asked you a question.

MR. SALKIN: Very good. The Third Circuit in the Dougherty case emphasized that the veteran had received all vacation allowances which had accrued and to which he was entitled, up to the time of his entry into the Armed Forces.

THE COURT: This gentleman did, too, in this case,

didn't he?

MR. SALKIN: He did, for the year 1966. He did not, for the year—

THE COURT: Up until the time he entered military

service, he did.

MR. SALKIN: No, sir. No, sir. He received those vacation benefits which he had accrued in 1966. He received no vacation benefits for his work in 1967.

THE COURT: Well, he had not worked enough. He

had only worked seven weeks.

MR. SALKIN: I submit that is precisely the point

in the Gulf-Morton case, that I just-

THE COURT: Aren't you going to have to convince the Appellate Court? Not me. I have no authority to overrule the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. [52] MR. SALKIN: The Third Circuit also ruled in McLaughlin vs. Union Switch & Signal, in which it distinguished its own decision in the Dougherty case, and in Mentzel vs. Diamond, as follows:

In the McLaughlin case, the Court said that was true that a reason for inclusion of vacation provisions in any employment, that is to say, employment contracts, is to afford the opportunity of rest and relaxation. Such provisions, however, performed a second function as well—

THE COURT: Did they overrule the *Dougherty* case? MR. SALKIN: They distinguished it, sir, without

overruling it.

THE COURT: Did they overrule it?

MR. SALKIN: No, sir. They did not overrule it.

They distinguished it.

We quoted and adopted the statement of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *In re Public Ledger*, 161 Fed. 2nd 762. In the—

THE COURT: It does not matter what the other

ten Circuits have said.

MR. SALKIN: I'm talking about the Third Circuit now, sir. I am now reading you a quotation from a decision of the Third Circuit in *McLaughlin* vs. *Union Switch & Signal*.

[53] THE COURT: What is the citation?

MR. SALKIN: 166 Fed. 2nd 46.

THE COURT: Yes, but that was six, or four or five-166 Fed. 2nd what?

MR. SALKIN: 46.

THE COURT: Dougherty was 176 Fed. 2nd 561. This is about four or five years before, the case you

are citing.

MR. SALKIN: So was Mentzel vs. Diamond, as 167 Fed. 2nd 299. However, the Third Circuit carried its reasoning in that case by reviewing the construction afforded the Act in the Fishgold and Trailmobile cases, and there they said—

THE COURT: Mr. Clerk, you had better go out there

and get me 176 Fed. 2nd 561, please.

MR. SALKIN: There the Court said, "The application here is simple. The veteran is to be treated, so far as benefits under the Act are concerned, as though he

had worked every day at the plant."

THE COURT: I can see where you have an excellent argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, gentlemen; and you have said this, "A research of all the law indicates that the ruling should be to the contrary. We are asking, sirs, gentlemen, that you respectfully reverse your decision in that case."

[54] It is not pleasant for a District Judge to decide

a case and to have the Circuit come down with an opinion, "This Court is at a loss to understand why the District Court has not followed the rule of law enunciated

by this Circuit."

We do not like to have those opinions come down

against us.

MR. SALKIN: I submit, sir, that the Third Circuit would, under the construction of the cases in Accardi, under—

THE COURT: They might, but it is not my preroga-

tive to say so. It is theirs.

I have sat with the Appellate Judges quite a bit. I know how they think and reason. When a District Judge tries to take the ball from them, they do not like it.

MR. SALKIN: May I point out to this Court the very real distinction between McLaughlin and this case.

I mean to say, the Dougherty and this case.

Number one, in this case, this veteran acquired no vacation benefits for the years 1967 and 1968. That means he cannot begin to accrue vacation benefits until 1969, which he would enjoy the following year, 1970. In effect, he is being penalized for his military service by having to wait three calendar years before he can begin to enjoy vacation benefits that should have accrued to him as a matter of [55] seniority.

In the *Dougherty* case, which was then before the Third Circuit, he had received all that he could have received at the time he entered the military service, which is not the case here; and the Court was not there dealing

with the issue, since it was not then in contention, as to what vacation benefits he would be entitled to.

THE COURT: Well, all this Doughetry case is, and the only distinction there is a 1946 contract between the union and the employer which based vacation benefits on his 1945 gross earnings of the employee. Now, the only difference there, instead of the benefits being based on the 1945 gross earnings of the employees, and the case before the Court, it is based on his earnings during 25 weeks of each year.

MR. SALKIN: But this distinction-

THE COURT: Well, that is what your contract says.

MR. SALKIN: No, sir. It does not so say. There
it is based on—

THE COURT: Oh, my goodness. What does it say?

MR. SALKIN: Sir, the distinction there-

THE COURT: What does it say, when a person is entitled to vacation benefits?

MR. SALKIN: It says he must have received [56] earnings, without express—

THE COURT: For 25 weeks.

MR. SALKIN: Yes, but there is no— THE COURT: That's all I asked.

This case says that he must have had—It was based on his 1945 gross earnings. They hold that the veteran is not entitled to vacation pay for 1946, although he was otherwise eligible. He returned in 1946, but he did not get gross earnings then.

It was not illegal under the Selective Service Act, since the contract did not place the veteran in the position inferior to that of non-veterans on leave of absence.

They hold that what you are arguing here is not right.

MR. SALKIN: I don't see it that way.

THE COURT: I am very frank, sir. I am not going to overrule the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in *Dougherty* vs. *General Motors Corp.*, 176 Fed. 2nd 561, which I hold applies to this case; and you are going to have to get the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to say that is no longer the law in this Circuit. I am not going to say it, sir.

MR. SALKIN: I think the obvious distinction there, sir, is that the—

THE COURT: There is no distinction.

[57] MR. SALKIN: I see a distinction, sir. May I

point it out? May I point out the distinction?

There, the vacation benefits are based on a formula determined on the dollar earnings that the veteran had. In this—

THE COURT: It is the same thing here. It is based

on his earnings during 25 weeks.

MR. SALKIN: An undefined amount of earnings, sir.

THE COURT: So, what is the difference?

MR. SALKIN: If he earned one dollar for 25 weeks, or \$25.00, he is entitled to vacation.

THE COURT: Now, you are talking silly.

MR. SALKIN: In theory.

THE COURT: You are talking silly.

MR. SALKIN: But it could be any amount. THE COURT: You have to be practical.

MR. SALKIN: It could be any amount. There is no

particular amount on which a formula is derived.

THE COURT: I have tried to be so courteous and understanding to you, but you will not take no for an answer. So I am going to keep quiet. You go ahead

and talk as long as you want.

MR. SALKIN: In the case of Kelly vs. Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co., 293 Fed. [58] Supplement 423, decided on May 21st, 1968 by the District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, the plaintiff there was an employee whose employment rights and other benefits were subject to the appropriate provisions of certain collective bargaining agreements, which were stipulated and attached to the stipulation of facts.

The defendant took the position that the plaintiff was not entitled to relief because the agreement allows annual vacation with pay only to employees who render compensated service on not less than 120 days during the

preceding calendar year.

This contention of defendant seems to be in keeping with the collective bargaining agreements, and was un-

doubtedly a sound and valid position at the time it was taken in 1967. However, the recent decision of the Supreme Court in Eagar vs. Magma Copper Co. completely resolved the question adversely to the defendant.

I believe that Magma compels a holding that the

plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought by it.

The defendant asserts that the per curiam reversal of the Ninth Circuit in *Magma* leaves some doubt about the question. A careful reading of the reversed Circuit Court decision, together with a reading of the dissenting opinion written by Mr. Justice Douglas and concurred in by Mr. Justice Harlan and Mr. Justice Stewart, convinces me that the high [59] Court held that a plaintiff similarly situated was entitled to vacation time notwithstanding the fact that he rendered no compensated service during the antecedent period.

THE COURT: Isn't this a matter for the collective bargaining agreement? Can't the union sit down with the employer and say, "Now, we want this in the col-

lective bargaining agreement."

Because, as I am reading the Circuit—I said I was not going to interrupt you again, but I cannot help

interrupting you.

It says the contract had no provision in it about this, and we are being asked—The Court says, "We are being asked to carve an exception for them, although we have no reason to believe that the bargaining agents of either the union or General Motors involved contemplated any additional restriction or favor for paying veterans for their vacation benefits."

Certainly you can sit down at the bargaining table

and provide for this.

MR. SALKIN: Of course, sir. But if it were as simple as that, I submit that Congress would not have

enacted the statute to begin with.

Now, this line of cases was also considered in the case of *Messina* vs. *Consolidated Freightways Corp. of Delaware*, 315 Fed. Supp. 340. This was a Western District of [60] New York case decided on February 10th, 1970.

THE COURT: I might say also that as I continue reading this case you cited, McLaughlin vs. Union Switch & Signal, 166 Fed. 2nd 46, they say, "The circumstances of the case before us [Dougherty] are quite substantially different from those found in McLaughlin."

They paid no attention to McLaughlin. They disre-

garded it in Dougherty.

MR. SALKIN: What page, sir? THE COURT: The top of page 562.

MR. SALKIN: That's true, because the facts were

different.

THE COURT: Why are you citing it to me when you know? If you would have read the case, you would know they say, "We are not following McLaughlin."

MR. SALKIN: They have distinguished it, because

the facts were different, sir.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. SALKIN: This dichotomy between vacation benefits as a seniority right and vacation benefits as other benefits was considered in a number of cases after the *Accardi* decision.

Saleck vs. Great Northern Railroad, at 277 Fed. Supp. 936, held that the length of time an employee was in military service is to be considered in a determination of the [61] length of vacation to which he is entitled. when determining the years of compensated service; and, in contrast to Dougherty, the Morton vs. Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad case which I cited held that the failure to work a certain number of days in the year, which barred the plaintiffs from being entitled to a vacation time in the following year, relied on the theory that since an employee on leave of absence would not be entitled to vacation because he did not work the required number of days in the previous year, the veteran should not be entitled to such a benefit. It seemed valid, except when one considers a year to contain approximately 250 work days. A contract requirement such as faced by Messina, that he work 150 days in the contract year before he is entitled to vacation, could work a hardship on those entering military service since, if they left in the early part of June and returned in the latter part of July, on a calendar year basis, they would not be entitled to vacation either for their service prior or sub-

sequent to their military service.

THE COURT: Tell me this: This veteran and all veterans who work for this company are not placed in any inferior position to that of a non-veteran who does not work, are they?

MR. SALKIN: A non-veteran-

THE COURT: Suppose an employee had worked for this company, and for reasons of—well, 101 reasons—[62] he could not work. He does not earn and become entitled to his vacation allowances during the time he does not work, does he?

MR. SALKIN: If you are referring-

THE COURT: Does he?

MR. SALKIN: In some degree, he does. He is in an

inferior position.

THE COURT: In other words, any man who has worked for this company, who does not work 25 weeks during a year, regardless of why he is off work, he still earns his right to vacation pay allowance, even though he does not work?

MR. SALKIN: Now, you have qualified that, sir, that question, with regardless of why he doesn't work.

Because there is a difference.

THE COURT: Suppose he is sick. Suppose he has illness in his family. Suppose his health is such that he has to leave this area and go away for six months out of the year. Do you mean, if a man does not work, he is entitled to the accumulation of the time that he is away, toward the credit for his vacation allowance? Is that right?

MR. SALKIN: He is entitled to a pro rata vacation,

under the terms of this agreement.

THE COURT: That is what this case holds. They said, "We cannot, we cannot and we shall not draw any difference between a veteran and any other employee who is [63] away from his work." They say this; and it is not placing these veterans in any position inferior to that of a non-veteran on a leave of absence.

Suppose a non-veteran wants a leave of absence, he wants to go to Europe. He does not get any credit while

he is in Europe.

Suppose a non-veteran wants to go to the Virgin Islands because he has emphysema or he has a heart condition. He does not get any credit while he is in the Virgin Islands toward his vacation. He is on leave of absence.

MR. SALKIN: However, he does get a pro rata vacation.

THE COURT: If he has worked 25 weeks in the year before he went away, yes.

MR. SALKIN: No, sir, that is not what the agree-

ment says here.

THE COURT: A veteran is not entitled to a better

position than anybody else.

MR. SALKIN: That is true. He is not entitled to a better position, but he is entitled to the same position as if he had been there.

THE COURT: All right. Your distinguished associate wants to talk to you. You had better go talk to him. He has been trying to get your attention. Your distinguished associate wants to talk to you.

[64] MR. SALKIN: I know.

THE COURT: I will hear him, if he wants to be heard.

MR. SALKIN: What I was trying to point out to the Court-

THE COURT: If he is a member of the Bar of some Court, I will.

MR. SALKIN: What I was attempting to point out to the Court is contained in Section 2 of Article 14. THE COURT: Of what?

MR. SALKIN: Of the collective bargaining agreement in this case.

THE COURT: What does it say?

MR. SALKIN: Beginning with line 20 on page 54—MR. SHOOP: You have got the wrong agreement.

MR. SALKIN: Well, it's the same.

MR. SHOOP: You are reading lines, and it is not right.

MR. SALKIN: All right. It is in Section 2 of Ar-

ticle 14, and reads:

"For purposes of eligibility for vacation, absence from work due to occupational injury or occupational diseases up to 12 months immediately following the date of beginning of such absence will be included as time worked [65] in that immediately preceding 12 months."

THE COURT: Well, occupational diseases or injury of an employee, I can understand that. The difference is,

he got hurt there.

Suppose he was in an automobile accident. Do you mean to say that if he had only worked 23 weeks and he unfortunately was in an automobile accident and was in a hospital for six and a half months, that while he was in the hospital recuperating, he would not get any credit toward his vacation benefits?

MR. SALKIN: I submit, also Section 2 further provides, "However, employees who are laid off or are absent because of non-occupational sickness or injury during the year immediately preceding December 31st, and because of such layoff or absence due to non-occupational sickness or injury do not qualify for a vacation under this section, will be given a pro rata vacation to which they might otherwise be entitled on the relationship of the weeks they did work to 25 weeks; but in no case more vacation than they would have received under the section if they had worked 25 weeks or more."

THE COURT: Do you contend that this employer and the union, when they negotiated this collective bargaining agreement, intended to place veterans in a posi-

tion inferior to that of non-veterans?

MR. SALKIN: No, sir, I do not. I am merely [66] pointing out this section because of the questions asked by the Court.

THE COURT: My friend, you can be right. But this

is not the Court that you have to convince.

If the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit says, "We are rescinding this opinion, we are no longer following it in the Circuit," why, that is it.

MR. SALKIN: In that case, sir, I have nothing further to say.

THE COURT: Well, I do not know anything further I can say to you.

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, may I make just two

comments?

THE COURT: Sir, I gave this whole day to you men, and such other period of time as you want. I am not limiting you.

MR. SHOOP: I would just like to point out to the

Court some fallacies-

THE COURT: You can well have a problem when you get down to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, if I decide this in your favor. They will say, "Yes—Although two of the Judges are still on the Court, although they are Senior United States Judges; but the fact they are Senior United States Judges does not make any difference. They have as much authority as an active Judge. [67] You had Judge Biggs, Judge McConnell and Judge Kolodner. Judge Biggs and Judge Kolodner sit regularly in the Third Circuit. Judge McConnell has gone to the great beyond.

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, Accardi and the Eagar case submitted only that matters which automatically accrue to a veteran were the rights that he had when he returned. This was recognized by this Court in Fees

and also by the Third Circuit.

Here, a veteran has to earn his vacation by working 25—by having earnings in 25 weeks in the course of the year.

In Eagar, as pointed out by Mr. Salkin, Mr. Eagar

had worked the requisite 75 per cent of the shifts.

THE COURT: What about the equities of this? Don't you think the employer might have some duty to give him a pro rata share vacation?

MR. SHOOP: No, sir, Your Honor. THE COURT: Maybe you should.

MR. SHOOP: I would-

THE COURT: I say maybe you should. He worked so many weeks in the year 1967; he served his country; he worked so many weeks in 1968. He did not work the required number, but why don't you get fair?

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, this is a matter for 5. collective bargaining agreement, as Your Honor has [68] pointed out repeatedly during the course of this hearing.

THE COURT: Well, many litigants have differences; they resolve them. Maybe it might not be well to have

this in the books against you.

MR. SHOOP: I would think, Your Honor, that-

THE COURT: Many times, I represented a lot of corporations and unions when I was practicing law. I would pay money and settle cases to keep it out of the lawbooks. I did not want to face it.

Here is a man who worked so many weeks in the year 1967. He worked so many weeks in the year 1968. He earned something toward his vacation, didn't he?

MR. SHOOP: Yes, Your Honor, but he did not have the requisite requirements to be eligible for vacation. There are specific instances—

THE COURT: All I am suggesting to you, sir, some-

times it does not pay to be technical.

MR. SHOOP: Yes, sir, Your Honor. I can appreciate the Court's comments, but, as I say, under the collective bargaining agreement-

THE COURT: Do you want to settle this case?

MR. FOSTER: No, sir.

Well, forget what I said. You are not THE COURT: practical and realistic either.

[69] MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, that isn't the issue before this Court, the pro rata share—

THE COURT: I know it isn't.

MR. SHOOP: Fine. I just wanted to point it out. Also, the Morton case, as cited by Mr. Salkin, is not

on point. The Morton case-

THE COURT: Experience has taught me, in 27 years as a Judge, that litigants won't even take a compromise. They want to go all the way. They do not want to go back to their boss, or their superior, or their employer and say, "Well, the Judge suggested that we compromise this, and maybe we had better do it."

MR. SALKIN: May I suggest-

THE COURT: They want the whole hog, or none. I have seen the Government of the United States lose millions of dollars, millions, by not following my suggestion to compromise a case.

MR. SALKIN: Sir, we were at this very point yesterday; and at that time, it was the defendant who re-

fused to settle this case, sir.

THE COURT: I do not care whether it was the defendant—

MR. SALKIN: I just want the Court to be aware of that.

[70] MR. SHOOP: But the Court has asked today if the Government is ready to settle, and you indicated no; and that isn't the issue before this Court, Mr. Salkin. Now, if you want to—

THE COURT: I know it is not the issue before this

Court.

MR. SHOOP: That's right. I would just like to make

two points.

THE COURT: The greatest asset and liability that a corporation has today is personal public relations. I would say your personnel director of the corporation and your labor negotiator are the two most important men in any corporation, except finances. They will make or break a corporation.

MR. SHOOP: I am inclined to agree, sir.

THE COURT: Wouldn't it build up your stature and position among men and all these veterans to say, "Well, we realize under our contract we are not required to do this, but here, you worked nine weeks in 1967 and you worked 13 weeks in 1968. Our contract says we do not have to pay you unless you earned money for 25 weeks, but we are going to compromise. You served your country. We are appreciative of it."

You could build up the greatest public relations with your men that you could ever do. But companies won't do [71] this; and generally unions will not do it; and so many, many times, the United States of America will

not do it.

MR. SALKIN: I would like to advise the Court that, on the very precise basis which the Court has

suggested this morning as a basis for settlement, we were prepared and had been authorized to settle this case yesterday afternoon.

THE COURT: You are dealing with a measly—How

much money?

MR. SALKIN: Three hundred ninety some dollars. THE COURT: Three hundred ninety some dollars. Each of you, each of you are going to pay a thousand to two thousand dollars, because one of you is going to appeal this thing. But what are you going to gain out of it?

MR. SHOOP: Well, Your Honor, I would submit-

THE COURT: I do not care what you do. I am just suggesting the propriety of maybe being practical and realistic.

MR. SHOOP: Well, Your Honor, the Government has indicated that they would not consider settling, so this—

MR. SALKIN: We have no proposal, sir, from the

other side, with which to consider a settlement.

THE COURT: Well, the only proposal we had [72] to start on, and that is the pro rata share, based on the number of weeks he worked during the years 1967 and 1968. There is nothing more that you have to start on.

MR. SALKIN: That's right, but that proposal has

not been made.

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, I would submit that under the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, the company has no authority to do this.

THE COURT: The company has no authority?

MR. SHOOP: The provisions of the collective bargaining agreement provide for no such payment as Your Honor would suggest.

THE COURT: I know that.

MR. SHOOP: And the company would have to discuss this matter under Federal law of labor relations with the union.

THE COURT: With the stature of your law firm if the company does not do what you suggest, they had better get another law firm. You do not need to go to them for advice.

But I see it every month in this Court. The greatest problem you have today is heads of labor unions will not be practical and realistic. and personnel managers, and those who negotiate for the company will not be realistic.

I had The Pittsburgh Press in here yesterday [73 & 74] for five or six hours. They are the most unrealistic, impractical, arbitrary persons I have ever dealt with in my life.

Corporations and heads of labor are the same way. You should hear some of the labor relations cases we

get in this Court.

If I were President of a corporation, my most expensive man would be the Director of Labor Relations. He is the most valuable man in the corporation. There is no more valuable. If the President gets \$50,000, he should get \$150,000.

All right, you are not interested in settling. Do you

have any other further arguments?

MR. SHOOP: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Do you have any further arguments?

MR. SALKIN: No, sir.

THE COURT: How long do you want, sir, to present your brief?

MR. SALKIN: I was just wondering if I might have

a transcript of the notes of testimony?

THE COURT: I will direct that this record be transcribed at the joint expense of the parties, with a copy to be filed for the use of this Court and any Appellate Court.

[75] You people, believe me, are going to spend two to five thousand dollars on this case each, win, lose, or draw. The record will cost you two or three hundred dollars apiece. I will follow up with a written order, Miss Reporter.

MR. SALKIN: May I have until the filing of the

transcript, sir, to file my brief?

THE COURT: Why do you want the transcript to file your brief? You know you are going to delay this case two to three months. How much time do you want after the transcript.

She only has about ten ahead of yours. How much time do you want after the transcript is filed?

MR. SALKIN: I don't wish to delay this Court.

THE COURT: Sir, you are not delaying me. I try to get things decided as soon as I can. The best time for me to decide is to go right in and start dictating. That is the easiest for me. I know this. All I need to do is pick up three or four books, and I will have an opinion out in an hour.

But you want to file a brief, and I never deny a lawyer the right to file a brief; and I read every case

the lawyer cites to me.

MR. SALKIN: I would like to have thirty days from today, sir, regardless of whether the transcript—
[76] THE COURT: You draw an order, Mr. Administrative Assistant, providing in substance that counsel for plaintiff will file their brief with the Court on or before the 3rd day of July, 1972.

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, may I have ten days to

file a reply brief?

THE COURT: That makes the case another month old. You will have to July 17th to file a counter brief.

MR. SHOOP: And I will notify the Court promptly if I don't want to. I would just like to see Mr. Salkin's brief.

THE COURT: You have heard everything he is going to say. Why are you spending thousands of dollars on a measly \$390.00? You can settle this case for \$150.00. It is nothing but a Squire's case.

How corporations can justify the expenditure of substantial amounts of money, just to have the pride and satisfaction in their own mind of saying, "I gave them an awful fight."

Were you in Vietnam? MR. FOSTER: No. si

MR. FOSTER: No, sir.
THE COURT: Where were you?
MR. FOSTER: The Mediterranean.
THE COURT: Is there anything else?
77] MR. SALKIN: That is all. Thank you.

MR. SHOOP: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. SALKIN: Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: If I were you, I would go back and I would ask the President of the company to have lunch with me today. If I were you, with whoever negotiates the collective bargaining agreement; and I would say, "I think a Judge can get this settled for \$150.00 for me. Let's pay it and get rid of it."

MR. SHOOP: The Government hadn't indicated that

they-

THE COURT: Will you take \$150.00? MR. SALKIN: If that is what it comes to.

THE COURT: Do you get picaynuish for peanuts. Forget about it.

MR. SALKIN: Wait a minute. The veteran says he

would accept \$150.00.

MR. SHOOP: Whatever the pro rata share-

THE COURT: Wait a minute. Why are you walking away so indifferently? Don't you have any executive with any authority?

MR. SHOOP: No. sir. Your Honor.

THE COURT: No one? MR. SHOOP: No. sir.

THE COURT: You watch. You are going to [78] spend-You fellows get three, four or five hundred dollars a day; if you are not, you are underpaid.

MR. SHOOP: I don't. No, Your Honor. THE COURT: I know what lawyers get.

How can you justify spending two or three thousand dollars, if you can settle a case for \$150.00? How in the world can you justify it?

How can the Government of the United States justify

it?

I know some of the members of Congress. I would write to them and say, "Here is a case I can settle for \$150.00." You are going to spend a thousand or two thousand on this case.

MR. SHOOP: Well, Your Honor, I would submit that it isn't only this case. There are many veterans within the corporation who, in the corporation's interest, should

be treated the same.

THE COURT: When does your collective bargaining agreement expire?

MR. SHOOP: Two and a half years from now.

THE COURT: Can't you renegotiate it? MR. SHOOP: In the three-year period.

THE COURT: I would like to be President of your corporation for a while.

[79] MR. SHOOP: So would I, on occasion, Your

Honor. But there is more than this case at stake.

THE COURT: There is more money wasted by corporations and unions in little disputes that do not amount to a darn. I had a strike not too long ago because they did not get the right toilet paper.

MR. SHOOP: Your Honor, I represented the company

in that case.

THE COURT: It was the silliest thing I ever heard. You don't have the proper drinking water. You don't use the right gasoline in the trucks. They stall once in a while, and the driver has to get out.

I could write a history, and everybody would start

laughing.

MR. SHOOP: But it is all true.

THE COURT: They would say, "Do you mean to say these things happen in a Court Room?"

I have a case now that you cannot say an invocation

and a benediction at a graduation service.

All right, that is all.

MR. SHOOP: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Defendants make a gross mistake in not doing what I suggest and compromise for \$150.00. It is one of the biggest mistakes I have ever had before me in my [79a] tenure as a Judge. Maybe you are not going to win this case, too.

(Whereupon, the Court recessed at 11:40 A.M.)

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## REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the Non-Jury Trial held in the aforementioned action on May 31, 1972, before Honorable Wallace S. Gourley, Senior Judge.

/s/ Marilyn Brown Marilyn Brown Court Reporter

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Civil Action No. 71-781

[Received Nov. 22, 1972, 10:30 AM, U.S. Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, Pa.]

EARL R. FOSTER, PLAINTIFF

v.

## DRAVO CORPORATION, DEFENDANT

#### PROTECTIVE NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Earl R. Foster, plaintiff, the above named, hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from the final judgment entered in this action on the 6th day of November, 1972.

Date-Nov. 21, 1972

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## SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 73-1773

EARL R. FOSTER, PETITIONER

v.

#### DRAVO CORPORATION

ORDER ALLOWING CERTIORARI—Filed October 15, 1974

The petition herein for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is granted.

